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I shall tell her in Chinese

An Italian woman whose threat to give birth outside the Chinese embassy in Rome won her husband an exit visa from Beijing was tearfully reunited with him yesterday. "This is the happiest day of my life," said Zhu Juwang, 27, after embracing his wife Patrizia Riccardi at Rome airport. "My feeling is one of happiness, only happiness." Zhu is seen reunited with his wife and 19-month-old son David.

7 Egyptians killed, 150 injured

## Ball of fire as trains crash

CAIRO, April 2. (UPI): Seven people were killed and about 150 others seriously injured when a freight train with fuel cargo collided with a passenger train bound in the opposite direction early today near Damanhur, about 110 miles (175 km) north of Cairo, police sources said.

One of the cars of the freight train was set to fire after being turned over along with three cars of the passenger train, the sources said.

## Council to rule after Khomeini

LONDON, April 2. (KUNA): Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini has decided that a council of five clergymen should rule Iran following his retirement or death, according to a report here today.

The Observer newspaper quoted "officials in Tehran" who said he had taken the decision following last week's "enforced resignation of his designated successor," the Ayatollah Hussain Ali Montazeri.

The officials added that they believed the five-member council would be set up just before or after Iran's presidential elections in August, said the Observer.

The council would be headed by Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, the chairman of the Assembly of Experts, it added.

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## WEATHER

CLOUDY to partly cloudy weather with light to moderate winds—easterly wind and a chance for scattered rain. State of sea: slight to moderate. High water: 10.30 am, 9.30 pm. Low water: 4.00 am, 4.00 pm. Sunrise: 5.35 am. Sunset: 6.08 pm. Maximum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 29°C/34°F. Ahmadi: 24°C/75°F. Fallaqa: 24°C/75°F. Minimum temperatures recorded: Kuwait: 17°C/63°F. Ahmadi: 16°C/61°F. Fallaqa: 14°C/57°F. Maximum temperatures expected: Kuwait: 30°C/86°F. Ahmadi: 25°C/77°F. Fallaqa: 25°C/77°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 37 per cent. Ahmadi: 54 per cent. Fallaqa: 55 per cent.

## Crisis due to lack of decision

By Khaled Ahmed

THE chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdul Aziz Al Saqr said yesterday that Kuwait's economic crisis could not be solved earlier due to the lack of a political decision, not because serious studies or objective solution were unavailable.

He said, for example, in 1982 a comprehensive solution to the Souk Al Manakh crisis was presented but it was ditched due to the short-sightedness of some people with vested interests. There was also a lack of decision on the part of government.

Al Saqr announced today that the chamber has formed a number of teams to study the problems in the finance, real estate, construction, industry and commerce sectors.

He added, after making detailed studies, the teams will propose solutions to these problems and will seek the opinions from businessmen and officials in each sector.

He said, after receiving the studies from these teams, the chamber will prepare one comprehensive report, which will be submitted to the higher state authorities.

Al Saqr was addressing the opening session of the 27th general assembly meeting of the chamber.

He said that the invitation by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to a number of businessmen and economic activists last month to study the economic situation in Kuwait, gave a good thrust to official and private moves towards an "objective and democratic solution to our economic problems."

### Efforts

Al Saqr said efforts by the chamber and other proposals to solve the economic crisis in the country, were foiled in February 85, February 85 and August 85.

He said: "These series of failures created a state of mistrust and resulted in the lack of desire to solve the crisis in the first instance and in the ability to carry out such a solution."

Al Saqr added, under such circumstances, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry has nothing but one alternative: to continue performing its duties towards the country and its members and also continue expressing the views of the country's private sector in the framework of the national economic interests.

He added that the chamber will continue to submit its views and advice, but the decision and implementation will remain the concern of the government.

Al Saqr thanked the government for asking the opinion of the chamber, but added that this should be linked to a total cooperation and concern from the various concerned ministers and with a clear decision which must be implemented.

He added: "We are convinced that if the government approves the well studied plans, based upon facts and figures, the wheel of the national economy will be put on the track once again."

Owen on A-bomb

## I tried to stop Pak

KARACHI, April 2. (Reuter): Former British Foreign Secretary David Owen said today he tried to stop Pakistan making nuclear weapons in the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Kerr said the countries do not have enough missiles to ensure that they could hit all targets and prevent retaliation.

Saudi Arabia disclosed last year it has acquired Chinese-made DF-3A ballistic missiles. They have a range of 1,600 miles (2,570 kilometres) and can carry a 1.3-megaton nuclear weapon or a warhead containing 4,500 pounds (2,000 kilograms) of high explosive.

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## Missile buildup rings alarm bell

Targets in Israel can be hit

NICOSIA, April 2. (AP): Mideast countries are building up long-range missile arsenals, including systems capable of carrying nuclear and chemical warheads to Israel, military analysts say.

Four Arab countries—Iraq, Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia—now possess missiles capable of hitting targets in Israel. All except Saudi Arabia are capable of producing their own chemical weapons, analysts and diplomats say.

At a time of East-West detente and arms reductions, military developments in the Middle East have rung alarm bells in Washington and Moscow.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze warned recently of a Middle East arms race that "sooner or later would degenerate into a nuclear face-off."

Arab states in the region are pressing ahead with major arms programmes costing billions of dollars, but analysts do not believe the missile spread has reached a critical stage yet.

"The real question is what kind of warheads these missiles are going to carry. High explosive and chemical warheads basically cause very localized damage," said Don Kerr of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

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## Mubarak in US to push peace process; Bush to send envoy

WASHINGTON, April 2. (Agencies): President Bush meets today with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as part of a diplomatic blitz to encourage a reduction of tension in the Israeli-occupied territories and improve the climate for Middle East peace talks.

Before his departure from Cairo, Mubarak told the Washington Post he had "no new proposals" to offer in talks on the Middle East over the next few days with Bush, Secretary of State James Baker and members

of Congress.

The Mubarak-Bush meeting marks the opening round of what a senior administration official described in advance as "a very good give-and-take" between US, Arab and Israeli officials on the Middle East.

In recent days, Mubarak has met in Egypt with Palestine President Yasser Arafat, King Hussein of Jordan and King

## Israel recruits 10,000 Filipino spies

ABU DHABI, April 2. (AP): The Israeli secret service, Mossad, has recruited 10,000 Filipino spies to work mainly in Arab countries, a Filipino Muslim rebel leader was quoted as saying today.

Leader of the Moro National Liberation Front, Nur Misuari, warned of the Israeli espionage in an interview in Cairo with the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej.

"Mossad exploited the general Arab acceptance of the Filipino workforce to recruit

them as agents," Misuari said.

Misuari's front leads a struggle for independence in the Philippines southern Mindanao region where Muslims are predominant.

Misuari did not give supporting details for his claim that Mossad recruited 10,000 Filipinos to spy in various parts of the world especially in the Arab states. There are hundreds of thousands of Filipinos working in the

Gulf Arab states, helping with development plans.

But he said that a few months ago 2,000 blank Philippine passports were discovered with official stamps in the hands of Israeli agents in Manila.

"Mossad had strong activities in the Philippines as both Israel and the Philippines are linked with mutual interests, both being strong allies of the United States," he said.

## Beirut suffers ferocious blitz

Hoss calls for resignations

BEIRUT, April 2. (Agencies): A withering hail of shells, rockets and mortar bombs blasted Beirut today in one of the most ferocious blitzes of Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

The barrage prompted Muslim Prime Minister Selim Hoss to suggest that he and Christian leader Major-General Michel Aoun should resign if it would help end the fighting.

"I plead with all those holding guns to have mercy on people and cease fire immediately," Hoss said in a statement broadcast by radio stations. "Stop, stop this massacre."



Arafat: status enhanced

## Mr President

Kaddoumi: FM

TUNIS: April 2. (Agencies): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was elected President of Palestine today in a move designed to enhance his official status and put some flesh on the bones of the state proclaimed last November.

The appointment, voted unanimously by the Central Council of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Tunis, amounts to a new mandate for Arafat, who has been under fire for his personal policy initiatives.

The Central Council is a smaller version of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, known as the Palestine National Council (PNC), which proclaimed the state and gave the Central Council a mandate to vote on an eventual provisional government.

PLO officials said Nafez Hawatmeh, leader of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), proposed Arafat as a symbolic head of state.

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The 70-member Central Council elected Farouk Kaddoumi as foreign minister of Palestine, PLO spokesman Abu Iyad told the French news agency Agence France-Presse.

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A gas tank blast at Dora on (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Lanka loan to fly out

COLOMBO, April 2. (KUNA): A state-owned bank here has offered financial assistance to those selected for jobs in the Middle East and Singapore but are unable to make the trip due to monetary constraints to meet preliminary expenses.

The People's Bank chairman Lakshman Watalawa said the bank has initiated a loan scheme for Sri Lankans who cannot meet the cost of one way ticket, job test and medical test expenses and the official payments required by the labour department's foreign employment bureau.

The bank will provide financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs12,000 (\$400) at 18 per cent interest a year to each person.

See Arabs duped into talks

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## Hill wants yes or no; Soviet trip put on hold

MANILA, April 2. (Reuter): President Corazon Aquino has postponed a planned trip to Moscow and is coming under new pressure to make up her mind on the future of US military bases in the Philippines.

Aquino's trip to Moscow was originally scheduled for this May or June, but her executive secretary, Catalino Macaraig, told reporters yesterday it would not now take place until at least next year.

Manila, seeking bargaining leverage in future negotiations with Washington on its military bases in the Philippines, has expanded ties with Moscow.

Aquino says she is keeping her options open on the future of the bases, which the United States regards as vital for the defence of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

But in a meeting with their Philippine counterparts yesterday, two visiting US congressmen said there was growing impatience in Washington with the "open options" policy.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Bridge collapses

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, April 2, (AP): A 100-foot portion of a four-lane bridge collapsed last night, killing at least three people and sending two cars and a tractor-trailer right plunging into the Hatchie river north of Memphis, authorities said.

Police did not know how many people were injured.

A section of the 55-year-old bridge apparently was on top of the rig, said Denise Jones of the Tennessee emergency management agency. The driver of the truck and the occupants of one car were still missing hours after the collapse.

Authorities said the collapsed section was about 100 feet long.

## Anti-drug operation

MATAMOROS, Mexico, April 2, (AP): Reinforced Mexican anti-drug units began stopping and searching cars at roadblocks along the US border yesterday in a major operation expected to last at least several weeks, officials reported.

"An operation was established along all of the border," said Jose Silva Arroyo, narcotics supervisor for the federal judicial police in Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas.

Judicial police, the Army and federal highway police, backed by planes and helicopters, are taking part in the operation, according to Silva Arroyo and other anti-narcotics officials in northern cities.

## Drug prohibition

ROME, April 2, (AP): A new group of international experts contends efforts to outlaw drugs have failed and governments should legalise them to take control away from organised crime.

The International Anti-prohibition League on drugs ended a three-day organisational meeting in Rome yesterday by calling for an end to prohibitions that it says have failed in the struggle against drugs.

"Bad laws, passed with good intentions, have never had such a disastrous effect...." the League said in a resolution.

## Two detained

SEOUL, April 2, (AP): Police today detained two sons of a top dissident leader in connection with their father's unauthorised trip to communist North Korea, government officials and family members said.

A government official, who asked for anonymity, said the two sons of Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan were being questioned on whether they had known in advance of their father's illegal trip.

## Ling loses crown

TAIPEI, April 2, (AP): Ling Hui-Hui, who last year won the first Miss Republic of China beauty contest in 23 years, was stripped of her title by organisers today because of a dispute over her prizes, pageant organisers announced.

## Sri Lankan militants reject offer of amnesty

COLOMBO, April 2, (AP): Spokesmen for Tamil and Sinhalese militants today rejected a government offer of Parliament seats if the two groups end six years of ethnic violence that has claimed more than 12,500 lives.

In a speech broadcast last night on state-run radio, President Ranasinghe Premadasa offered the militants a wide range of proposals.

including unconditional amnesty and seats in parliament if they would stop the killings and join the political process.

"We are not interested in going to Parliament. We are fighting for the rights of Tamils," a politburo member of the largest Tamil militant group said in Colombo. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam member spoke on condition of anonymity.

Left-wing Sinhalese militants said they wanted the present parliament to be dissolved and fresh general election held.

"If he (Premadasa) is sincere, we want the Parliament to be declared null and void," said a member of the Marxist People's Liberation Front speaking on condition of anonymity. Both he and his Tamil counterpart were interviewed by the Associated Press.

Premadasa promised that 29 seats in the 225-seat parliament would be vacated to make way for the rebels.

The 29 members, who included 15 from the governing United National Party, were nominated to Parliament on a system under which parties got bonus seats on the basis of votes cast in the Feb 13 general election.

But the Tamil Politburo member said Premadasa's offer to send the Indian troops back was not impressive. "because India

decides otherwise."

He said the government had no control of the northern and eastern provinces of the island, where most Tamils live, because "these areas are controlled by the Indian Army. So all his (Premadasa's) offers are meaningless to us."

Opposition politicians reacted positively to the plan proposed by the 64-year-old president,

entering his fourth month in office.

"Seemed impressive, since and may work, but let's see," said one official of the Sri Lankan Freedom Party.

Widespread violence is feared on Wednesday, the 11th anniversary of a failed rebellion by the front, and security forces have been placed on full alert.

## Missile buildup rings alarm bell

(Continued from Page 1) an estimated 36 of the more accurate and powerful Soviet SS-21 Scarab tactical missiles which have a range of 120 miles (190 kilometres) and are capable of carrying chemical warheads. These can reach key Israeli targets.

The Syrians also have Soviet-built SS-C-1 Sepal and SS-C-3 anti-ship missiles.

Iran has some Chinese-made Silkworm surface-to-ship missiles and appears determined to build a missile arsenal to match Israel's efforts.

Israel has long held the offensive edge in the volatile Middle East through its vaunted Air Force, and it is widely believed to have built up a stock of nuclear weapons.

The superpowers' influence in restricting access to missile technology has been undercut by the emergence of sophisticated arms industries in South America and the Middle East.

Argentina, Brazil and China have become major arms exporters. Egypt and Israel are the main producers in the Middle East, but Iraq and Iran are building up their own defence industries, even though their technological capabilities are still limited.

Iraq and Egypt are working with Argentina to develop the Badr-2000 missile with a 620-mile (1,000-kilometre) range and a warhead that can contain explosives, a nuclear device or poison gas.

Libya is reported to be negotiating with Brazil to buy Oteiba MB-EE-600 missiles with a range of 375 miles (600 kilometres), enough to hit Israeli targets.

The Israelis are believed to be seeking to counter the growing threat by developing missile systems to either knock out Arab and Iranian missile sites in pre-emptive strikes or destroy incoming missiles in the air.

The Washington Post reported on Friday that some Israeli sources believe Iraq has a programme to build nuclear warheads for use with missiles.

But an Israeli strategic analyst said today there was no hard evidence to support the Post report.

Shai Feldman of Tel Aviv University, an expert on nuclear policy, told Israel Radio that Iraq had made no progress toward rebuilding the Osirak atomic reactor, destroyed by Israeli bombers in 1981.

Analysts say that so far the arsenal is limited, both in quantity and quality, although they noted that any large-scale acquisitions, particularly by Libya, Iraq and Iran, would cause alarm.

Kerr said the Arab states are wary of missile encounters with Israel, which has its own nuclear-capable Jericho-1 weapon, with an estimated range of up to 370 miles (600 kilometres), and has tested an advanced version with a reputed range of more than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres).

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Thursday wounded 100 people. The blitz today hit apartment blocks, hospitals, schools and factories. It reached the Syrian-held Bekaa Valley, 60 km (35 miles) east of Beirut, and the town of Riyaq, 15 km (nine miles) from the Syrian border.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, who heads an Arab League committee trying to mediate in the Lebanon crisis, has put back a planned trip to Syria by two days, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said today.

KUNA, quoting Foreign Ministry sources, said Sheikh Sabah, who was to be accompanied by Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi, would now go to Damascus on Tuesday.

The postponement was made because of the preoccupation of Syrian leaders in receiving official delegations visiting Damascus in the coming two days, KUNA said.

## Namibian clashes continue, 80 killed

## UN peace plan shattered

WINDHOEK, April 2, (Reuters): At least 80 black nationalist guerrillas have been killed in clashes with police in the first two days of a UN operation to bring independence to Namibia, a police spokesman said today.

Spokesman Kierie du Rand told reporters Namibian police shot dead a total of 42 South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) guerrillas in two separate clashes today. He did not say whether there were police casualties.

Fighting yesterday between SWAPO and the police left 38 guerrillas and two policemen dead.

"Fighting is continuing at the border and we have had about 30 contacts with South West Africa People's Organisation terrorists," Du Rand said.

The renewed fighting, near Namibia's border with Angola, came a day after SWAPO clashed with police shattered the prospect of trouble-free implementation of a UN peace plan designed to bring Namibian independence.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha threatened to throw out the UN force unless SWAPO was condemned by the world body.

"The whole UN operation was nearly aborted last night. No one expected 40 dead on day one," said a senior Western diplomat.

South Africa says SWAPO has contravened the UN peace plan, which came into operation yesterday, by returning armed men into Namibia from neighbouring Angola.

The Council of Churches in Namibia said eight SWAPO supporters were also shot dead from South African Army helicopters at a remote northeastern settlement yesterday. A military spokesman denied the incident took place.

SWAPO spokesman Daniel Tjongarero, speaking before leaving for Harare for a crisis meeting of the SWAPO leadership, said the border clashes should not put peace in the region at risk.

"The independence process is only starting, we should give it a chance before making any accusations," Tjongarero told reporters.

A military spokesman in Windhoek said South Africa, after consultation with the UN forces, was suspending its process of demobilisation.

"The units involved are being activated to assist the Namibian police in waging off this incursion," the spokesman added.

In Harare, the Namibian nationalist group's leader Sam Nujoma said SWAPO was carrying out its own investigation into yesterday's clashes and accused South Africa of trying to use the clash to disrupt the independent process.

Some SWAPO officials in Windhoek claimed the incursion was staged by South African agents in a bid to ruin Namibia's chances of independence.

Others acknowledged that many hardline SWAPO guerrillas were dissatisfied with the peace plan because they thought it favoured South Africa.

"It is very difficult for the SWAPO leadership within the country to keep control over these people in Angola," one SWAPO sources said.

The disastrous start to the UN's independence operation comes as a severe blow to officials responsible for the UN Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), one of the biggest military-civilian operations ever mounted by the world body.

"The situation is too delicate to comment on," said a grim-faced Cedric Thornberry, assistant to UNTAG chief Marti Ahtisaari, after returning from a fact-finding trip to the scene of the SWAPO clash with the police.

## Cuba vows to support revolutions

HAVANA, April 2, (Agencies): A senior Cuban government official said yesterday he did not expect Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to ask Cuba to alter its support of left-wing revolutionary movements.

Gorbachev arrives in the Cuban capital today to a well-organised mass welcome by over half a million people for what the Cuban official media hailed as a "historic event" and a milestone in the "unbreakable friendship" between the two communist states.

"I doubt very much the Soviet Union would be inclined to ask Cuba not to support revolutionary movements and revolutionary countries the world over because that is also part of their (the Soviets') own internationalist policy," Deputy Foreign Minister Raul Roa Kouri told reporters.

He said Cuba had the right to support revolutionaries "because other governments believe they have a right to support counter-revolutionaries," an apparent reference to the United States and its aid to the Contra rebels who have fought Nicaragua's leftist government.

The European process can only succeed if it involves all European countries and of course the United States and Canada."

Gorbachev's scheduled 90-minute refuelling stop stretched to two hours at Shannon, the Irish airport that acts as a gateway to the West for the Soviet airline Aeroflot.

Gorbachev, accompanied by his wife Raisa, ended his visit by touring the Shannon duty-free shop whose success prompted Aeroflot to launch into a commercial-capitalist joint venture.

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## Sihanouk ready for direct talks

BEIJING, April 2, (UPI): Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today he has agreed to resume direct talks with the leader of the Vietnamese-backed Kampuchean government after Phnom Penh offered new concessions to break the deadlock in peace efforts.

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## Haughey offers summit venue

SHANNON, Ireland, April 2, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, making a lightning visit to Ireland today, urged East and West Europe to "put its common house in order" and defuse tensions.

No body was hurt and there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast, the first reported anti-Serbian act of violence in Yugoslavia outside Kosovo.

A fire was also reported yesterday at a battery factory in Kosovo, without explanation by the authorities. Last week there was a petrol bomb attack against a Yugoslav travel agency in Brussels, where there is a large ethnic Albanian community.

"State authorities in Kosovo and Yugoslavia think militant and fanatical elements of the Albanian separatist movement will continue their attempts to recruit even more Albanians for an uprising," the Yugoslav federal newspaper Bora said today.

"They are even now working out tactics of terrorism and a new armed uprising, including taking to the hills," it said.

"We put it on the table," Haughey said of the offer without giving any details of Gorbachev's response except to say the Soviet leader expressed his keenness to return to Ireland.

Gorbachev, the first Soviet leader to visit Ireland, said of his first stopover, "Ireland is not a stopover but a milestone."

Talking to reporters after his talks, Gorbachev said: "We feel

very strongly that we are Europeans, that Europe can play a key role in putting international relations on a new level."

"I feel that we have as Europeans to set our common house in order and I believe that this is quite possible, that the trend is very positive."

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Police escorting the buses quickly dispersed the stone-throwers.

The demonstrations were the latest sign of a resurgence of decades-old unrest over the Abkhaz autonomous republic.

The Abkhaz want the restoration of the area's status as a full union republic. It was downgraded to an autonomous republic in 1931 by former Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, himself a Georgian.

## Ethnic crisis looms in Soviet Georgia village

MOSCOW, April 2, (Reuters): Police and troops sealed off a village on the Black Sea coast of Soviet Georgia yesterday amid signs of another ethnic crisis in Transcaucasia, a witness said.

Interior Ministry troops rushed to the village of Leslidze, in an area called the Abkhaz autonomous republic, after a demonstration there by 2,000 ethnic Georgians.

The Georgians were protesting against a one-day strike on Thursday in a nearby

village by Abkhaz, a minority ethnic group, who want their autonomous republic of about half a million people to secede from Georgia.

"The people were demonstrating against the Abkhaz secession slogans," the witness said. "It is still going on."

An official in Gagra, the local capital, confirmed there had been a meeting in Leslidze but had no further details.

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## Andrew Young

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Mayor of Atlanta, US State of Georgia Andrew Young will arrive here on Tuesday on a two-day visit at the invitation of head of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.

During the visit, Young will meet with Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed and Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamed Al Sabah.

## Labour development

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Planning Minister Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said the committee for organising labour will meet this week to draw up ideas on re-organising local labour.

He added in a statement to local daily Al Seyassah, published here today, that the committee, set up by the Cabinet last week and groups representatives from Ministries of Social Affairs and Labour, Planning, Interior, Commerce and Industry, will work to find best means to organise the work force in the country.

On the other hand, Al Awadi said that he will hold a meeting at the Planning Ministry next Wednesday to discuss reports on implementation of the development plan.

## Sharhan returns

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): The Minister of Communications Abdallah Al Sharhan returned home yesterday after he led the Kuwaiti delegation to 13th session of the Arab satellite organisation (ARABSAT) held in Muscat.

He hailed, in a statement to journalists upon arrival, the decisions approved by the organisation. The minister singled out from these decisions the restoration of Egypt's membership in the organisation.

Welcoming him home were the acting undersecretary and the assistant undersecretaries.

## Support to Palestine

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed yesterday affirmed that Kuwait has always urged the international community and world states to present the maximum support possible for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

In his opening address of the Palestinian Cultural Week, Rashed said that Kuwait will spare no effort on the diplomatic and political fronts to restore the rights of Palestinians and achieve the ultimate victory.

The week, which lasts through April 5, includes seminars by member of the Fatah Central Committee Ham Al Hassan and also Palestinian folk shows.

## Children festival

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah yesterday said that the 8th Children Festival organised by Bayan Al Salam Society gives prominence to the Kuwaiti people's charitable spirit.

He told KUNA, following inauguration of the festival at the Kuwaiti Teachers Society headquarters, that he values such festivities which care for the child's upbringing, and in conclusion he appreciated efforts exerted by the society in organising that festival.

## Aid to farmers

THE Agricultural Plots Department at the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries said the authority pays great attention to providing support and incentives to farmers, according to its director Yasin Al Dousari.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that cultivated areas increased from 30 million square metres in 1980 to 125 million in 1988. The authority has assigned 1,019 agricultural plots this year and anticipates that the number will increase to 1,200 agricultural plots in the coming year. He commented that the areas assigned for the cultivation of wheat were sufficient if utilised properly.

## KNPC labourers

THE transfer of the Ahmadi hospital portfolio from the private sector to the Ministry of Public Health has been opposed, according to a reliable source.

The source added that Kuwait's National Petroleum Company (KNPC) labourers trade union has reaffirmed in a recent statement that the free medical services for labourers in the oil sector was the direct result of a long struggle by the labourers to gain this facility from foreign companies who monopolised the oil shares at that time.

## Cabinet call for peace in Lebanon

## Five decrees endorsed

KUWAIT, April 2. (KUNA): Kuwait's Council of Ministers today called on parties concerned Lebanon to shoulder responsibility and put an end to the ongoing fighting in that war-torn country.

The appeal came during the cabinet's regular weekly session under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed.

Rashed indicated that the council listened to detailed reports from the ministers on the outcome of their recent activities inside Kuwait and abroad.

He added that Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed briefed the council on the outcome of the 91st session of the Arab League's Council, which wound up last Thursday in Tunis, and the third stage of peace talks of the Arab League six-man committee in Tunis with Lebanese former presidents, speakers and premiers on ways of ending crisis in Lebanon.

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah informed the council on nature of his talks with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi on his visit to Iraq and the conveying of a message from Sheikh Saad to Deputy

with visiting British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd which centred on fostering bilateral co-operation in the fields of combatting international terrorism and narcotics as well as security matters and the situation in the region, Rashed went on.

Familiarising the cabinet with results of last week meetings of OPEC's price monitoring and long-term strategy committee in Vienna, Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Athbi said the committee discussed OPEC members' abidance by their production quotas and drawing a long-term strategy for the organisation in the light of the positive developments world oil markets have been witnessing lately.

State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan also briefed the conference on the outcome of Saudi Public Work and Housing Minister Prince Mateb Bin Abdul Aziz' recent visit to the country and the talks they held.

Rashed added that the council was further informed by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi on his visit to Iraq and the conveying of a message from Sheikh Saad to Deputy

Chairman of Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council Izzat Ibrahim as well as the talks he held concerning promoting bilateral ties.

Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohamed Al Sabah spoke of his meeting in Kuwait with visiting Pakistani Manpower and Labour Minister Malik Mukhtar who also conferred with top state officials on promoting bilateral co-operation in labour, technical and agricultural fields.

Rashed said the council listened to a briefing from Finance Minister Jassim Al Khoraifi on meetings of Arab financial agencies, held recently in Amman, to examine the important role that they should in contributing to the Arab economic development process.

On his part, Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamani spoke of the outcome of his recent tour of the UK, US and Canada, during which he conducted talks with officials in those countries on bilateral co-operation in the field of education and situation of Kuwaiti students enrolling in universities there.

He also briefed the council on

his discussions with Ontario province's minister of universities and colleges in Canada which led to the signing of an agreement of understanding between Kuwait and Ontario to promote scientific and cultural co-operation.

## ARABSAT

The ministers also listened to a briefing from their colleague, Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan on the outcome of meetings of the general assembly of the Arab Satellite Organisation (ARABSAT) in Oman during which technical and financial issues pertaining to the organisation's activities were discussed.

On the other hand, the council endorsed five decrees concerning five Kuwaiti agreements with Turkey for protecting and encouraging investments; the executive council for health, medical sciences and pharmaceutical co-operation; India for regulating air transportation; Bulgaria for judicial co-operation and an agreement between GCC member states with the European Economic Community concerning enhancing co-operation in the economic field.



Hurd leaves for Saudi Arabia

British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd and the accompanying delegation left here yesterday for Saudi Arabia after a two-day official visit.

The British official was seen off at the airport by the Minister of Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Interior Ministry Undersecretary Brigadier Yousef Al Khoraifi, the Kuwaiti ambassador to the UK, the British ambassador to Kuwait and other senior Kuwaiti officials.

## Dental services may be expanded

## High-tech teeth

By Diane Diaz  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT may soon expand its dental services by offering tooth implants, a government official said yesterday.

Dr M.R. Al Mostehy, chairman and advisor of dental services at the Ministry of Public Health, said visiting experts from the United States and Sweden are presenting information on new tooth-repair technology in their countries.

Kuwait will take their reports into account before deciding whether it is feasible to introduce the implantation services here, he said.

Mostehy, a speaker at the Fifth Kuwait Dental Association Conference, said that the tooth implants could help thousands of people in Kuwait each year.

Kuwait's dental experts currently install 350 sets of dentures each month. Another 1,000 patients receive bridges each month, he explained, adding that some of those patients may be better suited for teeth implants.

"If you have something that could act as a good replacer for a lost tooth, we shouldn't limit that," he said.

However, Kuwait wants to be sure of the technology it decides to use for the implants.

"So many implants have failed before," Mostehy said. Only now, with a look at the newly developed systems in Sweden and the US, is Kuwait seriously considering bringing the implant technology to this country.

Commenting on Kuwait's overall dental facilities and services, Mostehy said Kuwait "matches up with the highly advanced countries like the United States and Sweden."

For every dentist in Kuwait there are approximately 6,000 patients. In Sweden the dentist-to-patient ratio is one to 300.

Despite that disparity, Mostehy said dental care in Kuwait is readily accessible to everyone in the country.

When asked about the time a person has to wait to get a dental appointment in this country, Mostehy said: "It's not too lengthy if compared to other countries."

"You try to have your tooth filled now in England, how many months do they give you? You usually have to wait two to three months prior to being seen in an office," he continued.

Waiting period

Mostehy said that a patient usually has to wait three to four weeks to be seen for an examination or teeth cleaning in Kuwait. He went on to give a breakdown of other common waiting periods. In the case of a cavity, it usually takes a month or two. For a wisdom tooth extraction it may take two to three months to get an appointment. However, if a person is in pain, he is seen on the spot.

"Here in Kuwait, ... as long as a person is not in pain and you can definitely postpone his treatment, then this is the way," he said.

Mostehy was one of more than 500 dental experts attending the Dental Association Conference in Kuwait. The four-day conference, held at the Sheraton hotel, ended yesterday afternoon.



Nikko link for Kuwait International Hotel

The Kuwait International Hotel recently hosted a dinner/presentation for Nikko Hotels International (a subsidiary of Japan Airlines) being a member of this prestigious chain of hotels. Because of this unique link Kuwait International Hotel now has access to over 39,000 rooms in 85 key business cities in 30 countries around the world. Booking requests sent before 1800 hours local time should be confirmed the same day by fax or commercial telex with confirmation number, rate, cancellation policy and other important information. Nikko Hotel International was established in 1971 and has grown since then to incorporate 99 hotels in its portfolio. Nikko also has reservations and marketing agreements with 74 deluxe and first class hotels world-wide, the newest member being the Kuwait International Hotel.

Seen from L to R: Hermann Simon, general manager, Kuwait International Hotel; M.A. Najia, VP operations, Kuwait Hotels Company; A. Salho, VP and regional manager, Kuwait & Turkey, Japan Airlines Co. Ltd; and Y. Tsukahara, Director, Europe & ME, Nikko Hotels International.

## Arabisation a political decision: Bishara

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

THE first discussion on the Arabisation of higher education was opened yesterday by Dr Ahmed Bishara, assistant rector for scientific affairs at Kuwait University.

Commenting on the issue, the official said that Arabising higher education is not an academic issue but a political decision taken by senior authorities during the GCC summit held in Riyadh.

Bishara said that Arabisation is not confined to translation of other languages into Arabic, but focuses on reviving practical and effective usage of the language at different educational stages. Arabisation is not intended to separate cultures, but is a means of achieving better interrelations, he said.

He added that the Arabisation process is intended to remove fabricated barriers around Arabic terms and means of communication in daily banking and industrial firms. The support of this movement will depend on the extent of competence that employers insist prospective employees have in the language.

Project

Dr Abdul Rasul Al Mousa, also of Kuwait University, said the first discussion in this aspect reflects the interest of Arabisation adopted by Kuwait University. A project to Arabise foreign books useful to the educational process in the university has been undertaken. He added: "We are looking forward to pragmatic implementation instead of arguments."

Dr Issam Al Naqeeb from the Faculty of Science said that Arabic should be the main language with English as secondary. The Arabisation process should be pursued on a scientific basis with the involvement of peers specialised in translations, writing, editing and related fields.

Dr Fouad Zakaria also from Kuwait University, said that the balanced approach should be pursued, that is to say balancing Arabisation between educational and national needs.

## Pilots ask for better treatment

KUWAIT Air Force pilots should be given preferential treatment in comparison to other government employees, according to a senior Air Force officer.

Col. Sabti Bughait, commanding officer of Ahmad Al Jaber Air Base, speaking in an interview with a local daily said: "A military pilot is more discipline-oriented as he is subjected to strict rules."

He called for equating the standards of Kuwaiti pilots with those of their counterparts in advanced countries who are provided with various facilities such as family housing, housing at air bases, overtime, priority in obtaining government housing, admission to schools and colleges, and specialised medical services.

He said that the base does not accept applicants who do not possess the minimum of general secondary certificates. Training of those accepted is divided into three stages. The first includes fundamental training techniques up to an advanced level within Kuwait. In the second, pilots are sent on scholarships to Arab countries or the US. Lastly, pilots will join the Air Institute, to be opened next year.

## Judiciary Kuwaitised

IN the implementation of the last five-year-plan, the Ministry of Justice has increased the number of Kuwaiti judges and prosecutors by 49.5 per cent as compared to previous years, according to a ministry official.

Abdul Aziz Al Dakheel, assistant undersecretary for legal and planning affairs at the ministry, said that more and more Kuwaitis are being appointed as prosecutors. Additionally, the ministry is sponsoring the organisation of intensive training courses to be held in Kuwait and abroad.

The forthcoming national five-year plan 1990-1995 is aimed at facilitating judicial and legal procedures and streamlining formalities. It is also aimed at increasing the tempo of the Kuwaitisation process within the national judicial system, Dakheel said.

The official went on to state that a recent ministerial decision had specified deadlines to the specialists department, by which time pending cases should be settled.

2.5 million face starvation

## Massive relief effort in Sudan

KHARTOUM, April 2, (Agencies): A mammoth UN relief effort gathered steam today as another convoy carrying food and supplies headed toward southern Sudan where 2.5 million people face starvation exacerbated by a six-year-old civil war.

"If we don't do this, the disaster will be roughly equal to the disaster of Hiroshima," James A. Grant, the UN official co-ordinating Operation Lifeline Sudan, said yesterday. "Or in recent history, it will be four times larger than Armenia last fall."

Though no exact count exists, Western relief experts estimate 250,000 to 500,000 or more died last year alone in Sudan's civil war. Some think as many as two million have died since the war began in 1983, mostly civilians driven from their homes who either perished while seeking shelter or left to starve in refugee camps or besieged towns.

An estimated 25,000 people died in the massive earthquake that struck Armenia in December. Some 218,000 people died when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, ending World War II.

A 13-truck convoy rolled out of the capital yesterday with more supplies in the \$132-million relief operation. A five-truck convoy left Friday, and on Monday, a 60-truck convoy is scheduled to leave with 1,000 tons of food and 10 tons of medical supplies, tarpaulins and pallets.

Before the rainy season begins in early May, Operation Lifeline aims to position at depots more than 100,000 tons of food, blankets, tents and medical supplies to keep alive those displaced by famine and civil war.

The project for the first time includes deliveries to villages and areas under control of Christian and animist rebels fighting the Muslim-dominated government.

Both the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army have promised not to hinder the relief shipments. Previous efforts were hampered by one side or the other for political or military reasons.

Grant, the UN official, appeared at a news conference with Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi, who said the UN would be responsible for ensuring the rebels don't use the food for other purposes.

Grant said, "we depend on the faith of the two sides for the success of this operation and that food is being used for feeding the needy."

Rebel gunners have shot down at least two civilian passenger planes and one relief plane and have fired on several others. Claiming the government uses

### MIDEAST BRIEFS

#### Killing for new car

BAGHDAD, April 2, (Reuter): A wealthy Iraqi student killed and robbed two people so that he could add to his collection of luxury cars, the Army newspaper Al Qadisiya reported today.

It said Issam Mohammed Abdul Latif had confessed to shooting the two men in the head on March 18 and stealing 60,000 dinars (\$192,000) from them.

Issam, who already had a Mercedes, three Toyotas and a Volkswagen, bought a new Toyota with some of the money, it said.

#### ACC to meet in Iraq

AMMAN, April 2, (AP): The prime ministers of Jordan, Iraq, North Yemen and Egypt will meet on April 10 in Baghdad to discuss administrative issues for the new Arab Co-operation Council, Jordan's three Arabic dailies reported today.

The government owned Sawt Ash Shaab, Ad Dustour and Al Rai said officials will discuss "projects presented by the council's member states" through various committees within the council.

The officials will also plan the agenda of the first summit meeting of the country's leaders since they met to establish the economic alliance on Feb 16.

#### Italy worried over hostage

ROME, April 2, (Reuter): Italy has asked Lebanon and Syria to step up the search for an Italian businessman missing for 3 1/2 years and believed kidnapped in Beirut.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement it had summoned separately the Lebanese and Syrian ambassadors to express its concern about the fate of Alberto Molinari, who disappeared in September 1985, after setting off to cross the "Green Line" dividing Christian and Muslim Beirut.

#### Qaboos to visit Kuwait

MUSCAT, April 2, (KUNA): The visit of Sultan Qaboos of Oman to Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt, France and Spain is aimed at continuing consultations and contacts in order to give a boost to the relations between Oman and these countries. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi Abdullah said here today.

The minister also said that Sultan Qaboos will discuss with HH the Amir of Kuwait a number of issues relating to fostering relations between the two countries, regional and Arab issues.

#### Assad holds talks with Velayati; receives Khamenei's message

DAMASCUS, April 2, (Agencies): Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati delivered today a letter to Syrian President Hafez Assad from his Iranian counterpart, Ali Khamenei, Damascus Radio said.

The Iranian news agency, IRNA, said the message dealt with Iran's stance on the situation in the region and the latest developments in Lebanon.

Israel trying to create illusion that it has partners



Israeli soldiers try to prevent a funeral procession from marching in West Bank.

## Howe-Arafat talks when time is ripe

UK backs international conference

MANAMA, Bahrain, April 2, (Agencies): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said he was willing to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat when the time was right.

He also told reporters in Bahrain yesterday that far from going "off the boil," the next few weeks would provide the United States with an opportunity to apply "the kind of persuasive advocacy" needed to push the Middle East peace process forward.

On Iran, Howe said latest events in that country showed moderates were losing the battle of influence to hardliners.

He said he didn't know how long the Iranian authorities "would be foolish enough" to sustain spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against British author Salman Rushdie.

## UK interfering in Kabul, say Soviets

Pakistan warned

MOSCOW, April 2, (Reuter): A Soviet spokesman yesterday accused British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe of displaying "imperial ambition" in calling for Afghan leaders to make way for a representative government.

The Afghan government has also warned Pakistan against a planned delivery of chemical weapons to the mujahedeen.

A Foreign Ministry statement last night, carried by the Bakhtr news agency, claimed that Pakistan was seeking purchase of chemical weapons from Western markets to deliver to the mujahedeen for use in the current battle for the city of Jalalabad.

The spokesman urged Britain to "display a responsible approach" as a permanent member of the UN Security Council in efforts to find a peaceful settlement to the Afghan conflict.

Howe said the majority of world opinion wanted an end to the pro-Soviet Kabul government. He called for President Najibullah's administration to "step aside and make way for a fully representative government."

The Afghan government accused Howe of blocking peace moves in Afghanistan.

An Afghan Foreign Ministry statement said Howe had

point when progress can be promoted rather than passing a point where matters are going off the boil as you put it," Howe said in a response to a question.

Turning to Iran, the British minister said the international community was concerned about the future of that country, where moderates appeared to be losing the battle against hardliners.

### US withdraws 4 ships from Gulf

## Ceasefire violated

BAGHDAD, April 2, (Reuter): UN envoy Marrack Goulding said today that violations of the seven-month-old Iran-Iraq ceasefire had become more serious and urged restraint.

"Recent violations are not a threat to the ceasefire, which we are determined to maintain," Goulding said in Baghdad. "But they were greater in extent and longer in time with more weapons used, and we are worried."

Goulding arrived on Thursday from Tehran to discuss the work of UN observers along the 1,180-km (740-mile) border, where Iranian and Iraqi forces are sometimes only metres away from each other.

He told a news conference, violations took place mainly in no man's land along the southern front. Eight incidents of people being shot had been reported.

He told reporters on arrival that he would discuss with Syrian officials the renewed civil war fighting between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon and "conspiracies being hatched against the interests of Muslims" there.

Syria and Iran have been allies since the early days of the Iran-Iraq Gulf war that erupted in 1980.

Velayati arrived in Damascus yesterday, the day after he returned to Iran from an official visit to Moscow.

He told reporters on arrival that he would discuss with Syrian officials the renewed civil war fighting between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon and "conspiracies being hatched against the interests of Muslims" there.

Syrian troops and Muslim militias have been fighting fierce artillery battles in Lebanon against Christian troops for nearly four weeks.

## Arabs duped into talks

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 2, (Reuter): Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank summoned Palestinian activists to a meeting today, forcing them to violate a PLO ban on such contacts.

The head of the West Bank civil administration, Brigadier-General Shaike Erez, met 25 local activists from Tulkarm and Kalkilya for talks on daily problems and political issues, official Israeli sources said.

The talks, a few days before Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir visits Washington, defied PLO-backed underground leaders of a 15-month-old Arab uprising, who in their latest leaflet ordered Palestinians to shun such meetings.

Palestinian sources said the meeting was apparently meant to give the United States the illusion that Israel could find local negotiating partners, circumventing the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The head of the Tulkarm Chamber of Commerce, Badia Kadaan, said he and other activists were called the night before to meet the military governor. Some received written summonses.

They were not told they would be meeting Erez, the senior Israeli occupation administrator, he said.

"We had no choice but to go," he said. "We told him this is a political problem and not a question of improving daily life. We said the only spokesman for the entire Palestinian nation is the PLO."

Israeli aides said Erez met a cross-section of activists, many recently released from prison, including supporters of the Islamic resistance movement Hamas and the radical Popular Front and Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP and DFLP).

An aide said the meeting, at which the closure of West Bank schools, taxes and local elections were discussed, was part of "regular contacts with all segments of the population."

Kalkilya activist Adnan Al Hindi said he told Erez: "You know as well as we do that we were summoned here and do not meet on an equal footing."

The purpose of this meeting is to give international public opinion the impression that there is a dialogue between Palestinian personalities and yourselves," he said.

Leaflet 37 of the unified national leadership, issued last Monday, said Israeli authorities were using the meetings and the attendant publicity to improve their image and create the illusion that there was an alternative to talking to the PLO.

"Masses, beware of being drawn into such meetings in which the pillars of the occupation try to concentrate on daily demands as if such demands are all our suffering," it said.

Palestinians also reported four protesters wounded in the West Bank.

## Cyprus unity talks in New York

NICOSIA, April 2, (Reuter): Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders will meet UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York this week to determine the fate of their inconclusive talks on reunifying Cyprus.

Officials on both sides say that seven months of UN-sponsored negotiations have failed to make headway towards ending the 14-year-old division of their island.

"Will there be a third stage of negotiations? and what will it consist of? it is an issue that remains undecided," Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said on Thursday at the end of an intensive round of discussions.

The two communities remain divided over what form a united Cyprus should take. Turkish Cypriots want a loose confederation while Greek Cypriots seek a strong federal government.

Cypriot President George Vassiliou says he does not want to pursue a meaningless dialogue but still believes progress can be made by a June 1 target date set by the United Nations for reaching an agreement on a federal solution.

Officials said Perez de Cuellar would put forward ideas to break the deadlock at separate meetings with Vassiliou and Denktash on April 5, ahead of joint discussions on April 6 and 7.

## Iraqis prefer new faces for assembly

Meadi Saleh wins

BAGHDAD, April 2, (AP): Iraqi voters swept dozens of first-time candidates into the 250-member national assembly in an election that opens the way for President Saddam Hussein to implement political reforms, according to results announced today.

The state-run radio did not give any breakdown of the results, but said that new faces would predominate when the new assembly meets for the first time later this month.

A total of 910 candidates ran for election, including many veterans of the eight-year war with Iran and more than 250 members of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party. There were 61 women candidates.

Officials said that turnout was "relatively high" among the country's estimated eight million voters, but the government committee overseeing the poll did not give any figures.

The senior political personality in the election, Sa'ad Meidi Saleh, Baath Party chief in Baghdad, won his seat in a constituency in the capital, the radio said.

But the only cabinet minister running, Kurdish State Minister Hashim Hassan Aqawi, failed to win election.

Two ex-cabinet ministers also won seats. They are Hatim

## Opposition reports abuses in Tunisian parliamentary polls

TUNIS, April 2, (Reuter): Tunisians voted today amid opposition charges of irregularities in the first elections since President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali took power 17 months ago.

"The MDS has decided to withdraw all its observers and they are not expected to reduce Saddam's personal authority.

The assembly holds a two-month session twice yearly. It shares power with the Revolutionary Command Council, which must ratify new laws and also has veto powers.

In the central town of Qairawan the Islamic movement withdrew from the elections after three and a half hours of voting because of alleged irregularities.

But Hedi Grivi, the head of the Ministry of Interior unit in charge of the elections, said the only problem was that some opposition party observers did not fulfil the condition that they must be registered voters.

"Apart from that, there's no problem at all," he said.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Poland offers incentives for foreign investment

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

**POLAND** announced yesterday in Kuwait a package of new measures offering incentives for foreign investment with the promise to substantially trim state intervention in the private sector. The new measures outlined in the recently passed foreign investment bill will allow foreign investors to repatriate 85 per cent of their profits in hard currency.

The bill imposes a minimum corporate income tax of 10 per cent but also provides for a tax holiday of up to six years. Details of the plan were presented by a five-member Polish delegation at a seminar for

### Kuwaiti businessmen and banks.

Speaking at a news conference after the seminar, Janusz Kozinski, director at the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, claimed that investment in Poland will generate profits higher than those in Western countries due to the availability in Poland of cheap, skilled labour and land for development.

Virtual all sectors of the Polish economy are open for direct foreign investment in the form of joint ventures and fully owned subsidiaries, the delegates said. They provided a list of 200 specific projects in manufacturing, services and agriculture expected to be developed with foreign capital.

### Sharp price increase predicted

## Demand for Mideast oil rising: experts

**FRANKFURT**, West Germany, April 2, (AP): More than 15 years after an Arab-led oil embargo stunned the West, non-communist industrialised countries have slashed reliance on OPEC supplies. But experts warn that demand for Middle East oil appears certain to increase.

That, along with a recent upward trend in oil prices, is a source of concern for the West. And Third World countries also will be making greater demands on world energy supplies as they push development.

"Unless there are major additions to reserves and major discoveries of new oil fields outside the Gulf region, the world's reliance on the Middle East for oil is bound to rise," says Helga Steeg, executive director of the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA).

"The energy security implications are obvious," she added in a February speech. "Oil will continue long into the next century to be the most important single source of energy."

The IEA estimates 60 per cent of the world's known recoverable petroleum reserves are in the Gulf region.

### Demand

George Kowalski, an IEA economic analyst, predicts growing demand for oil will push up prices in the 1990s, although the hikes will not be excessive. He said officials need to maintain awareness that supply disruptions are possible that could lead to sharp price increases over the short-term.

For now, the energy outlook is comforting for Western industrialised nations and Japan, which increasingly have tapped other energy sources to cut reliance on petroleum. An oil glut also has helped keep prices down.

Overall, the 24 industrialised countries making up the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development — primarily Western European nations, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States — cut their reliance on OPEC oil from 71.7 per cent of imports in 1979 to 47.6 per cent in 1987.

IEA figures show that individual cuts in OECD imports of oil and related products from the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries have been dramatic over the period:

- Australia, 220,000 barrels a day to 130,000 barrels a day.
- Japan, 4.7 million to 3 million.
- West Germany, 1.8 million to 690,000.
- Britain, 1.1 million to 280,000.
- United States, 6.4 million to 3.5 million.

### Factors

The reduction is due to several factors, including greater use of coal and natural gas, as well as stringent conservation measures.

"From 1973 to 1987, the energy demand of OECD countries increased by almost 10 per cent, but during this same period, the economic output of these countries increased by about 43 per cent," the IEA says.

Conservation and energy

### Debt, inflation to be reviewed

## Financial leaders to map out strategy

**WASHINGTON**, April 2, (Reuter): Financial leaders from the major industrial powers, worried by inflation at home and unrest in Latin America, met today to map out a strategy to cope with both problems before they derail the global economy.

The twin concerns of rising prices and the threat to democracy in Latin America posed by its huge debt burden topped the agenda as finance ministers and central bank chiefs began a series of closed-door meetings.

The United States is seeking backing from its allies for a ground-breaking new debt plan aimed at reducing the Third World's \$1.3 trillion burden of foreign loans but has already encountered considerable scepticism from Europe.

"The United States will be seeking all the support it can muster for a new debt plan and this is the first chance for ministers to discuss the benefits —

and potential pitfalls," said one European monetary official.

Just how industrial nations tackle the rising tide of inflation in their own economies is also of crucial importance to the developing world, which largely missed out on higher than expected growth last year.

Tighter monetary policy to squeeze prices since last summer has pushed interest rates higher and added an estimated \$10 billion to debt servicing bills. Developing countries are expected to voice strong opposition to still higher rates.

Early this morning, finance ministers and central bank governors of the Group of Five industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France and Britain — were whisked into the treasury for a 90-minute round of talks.

They later drove south of the capital to a secluded manor house once owned by the first US President George Washington

**Smithkline, Beecham discuss merger**  
'The fit seems pretty good'

Smithkline Corp and British-based Beecham Group PLC said today they were discussing a possible merger that would create one of the world's largest pharmaceuticals companies.

The companies said a possible merger would involve major parts of their respective businesses and that shareholders of both companies would be equal owners of the merged entity.

Philadelphia-based Smithkline and Beecham said terms of a possible agreement had not been finalised and they added that "there was no assurance any agreement would be reached."

The combined company would be managed by a board of directors drawn equally from both companies, they said.

The stock price of Smithkline, the nation's eighth-largest drug company with sales of \$4.75 billion last year, jumped 5.25 to close at \$60.875 on Friday after a report in the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper that Smithkline and Beecham held merger talks late last year.

Beecham earned £239 million (\$404 million) on sales of £2.48 billion (\$4.2 billion) in its last fiscal year.

A Smithkline spokesman declined to comment when asked how close the two companies were to an agreement. He said the companies would not elaborate on their joint statement.

The announcement followed months of specula-

tion about a possible takeover of Smithkline, which has been troubled recently by declining sales of its two leading drugs, tagamet and diazepam.

Smithkline's stock attracted a wave of buying on Wall Street after last week's newspaper report, which quoted unnamed sources as saying that Smithkline and Beecham had discussed a merger late in 1988 but that the talks broke off over who would control the combined entity.

Speculation was further fuelled on Friday when Beecham said that it had retained New York merger and acquisition firm Wasserstein, Perella and Co.

Securities analysts said Smithkline would be a good complement to Beecham, which makes the heart-attack drug emolase, sominex sleeping pills, tums, cling free geritol and aquafresh toothpaste.

"The fit seems pretty good," analyst Steve Kay of the Fidelity management and research mutual fund said on Friday. "Beecham has said they would like to be in the US."

Last autumn Smithkline announced a restructuring in which it would partially spin off its Beckman unit, reorganise its drug businesses and shed about 1,600 jobs. Analysts said then that the moves would not be sufficient to restore the company's fortunes. Securities analysts put Smithkline's break-up value at \$75 a share, or over \$10 billion including debt. They said Beecham might want to buy Smithkline's pharmaceuticals business and spin off its other assets.

Poland has already invited Kuwait to invest \$300 million in the expansion of its largest refinery. Karol Sep, technical director of the Gdansk refinery, said Kuwait could market some of the oil products in European countries where the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation owns hundreds of service stations.

Poland on the other hand hopes to secure a long-term crude delivery contract that would provide it with stable oil supplies at reasonable prices, Sep said.

The head of the Kuwait Investment Authority recently considered placing some of its surplus oil funds in East European states that were liberalising their economies.

Bilateral agreements on mutual protection of government investments and double taxation are expected to be concluded later this year.

The delegation comes after last month's visit to Kuwait by Polish Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski who made it clear that Poland would welcome Kuwaiti investment.

Poland is gradually adopting free market policies. Since last January the private sector can set up business ventures on equal terms with the state. But foreign investors are offered more attractive incentives in terms of tax and foreign currency retention than those available to the Polish public or private sector.

## Gas injection unit boosts oil reserves

**NICOSIA**, Cyprus, April 2, (Agencies): Iran has boosted its recoverable oil reserves by more than 2.5 billion barrels by restarting the war-battered Maroun gas injection unit in southwest Khuzestan province, Tehran radio reported today.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said that the Maroun gas injection unit, damaged by Iraqi air attacks during the 8-year Gulf war, was rebuilt by Iranian experts at a cost of more than \$1 billion.

The first phase of the unit was inaugurated today by parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The Maroun unit is capable of injecting gas from surrounding fields into low-pressure oil fields to boost yield.

Rebuilding oil and gas-related industries have been given high priority in Iran's post-war reconstruction phase following the Aug 20 UN-sponsored ceasefire in the Gulf war.

President Ali Khamenei on Saturday inaugurated the first rebuilding phase of the giant Abadan oil refinery, which before damage in the war was the largest oil refinery in the world.

Iran currently estimates its oil reserves exceed 93 billion barrels.

The injection project, which boosts Iran's recoverable oil reserves by 2,600 million barrels a day, was "one of the biggest" implemented by Iran since the 1979 revolution which brought Ayatollah Khomeini to power, the radio said.

Iranian officials said the refinery came under aerial bombardment 30 times during the 8-year Gulf war, and was also subjected to Iraqi shelling.

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Officials deny rumours of devaluation

## Subsidies, exchange rate will stay: Jordan

AMMAN, April 2. (Agencies): Jordan's current talks with the IMF have not covered the issues of government food subsidies or the exchange value of the dinar. Finance Minister Hanna Odeh was quoted today as saying.

Contrary to rumours, he said, the subsidies would remain and the exchange rate would be kept "within the set equation."

The Central Bank has fixed the dinar at 540 fils to the dollar since early February. Officials expect food subsidies to cost more than \$100 million this year.

Financial officials have denied rumours that the International Monetary Fund is seeking a further devaluation of Jordan's

currency, government-run newspapers reported today.

The three Arabic dailies, *Ad-Dustour*, *Sawt Ash-Shaab* and *Al-Rai*, reported that Odeh told the cabinet yesterday that the dinar's exchange rate would stay "somewhere near the currently approved equation."

### Talks

"We did not discuss with representatives of the International Monetary Fund the issue of changing the rate of the dinar exchange, neither the devaluation of the currency," Odeh was quoted as saying.

Odeh is leading the Jordanian side in talks with the IMF to agree on economic

steps that would pave the way for IMF credits to Jordan and a rescheduling of the country's debts.

Because of rumours that a devaluation would follow the IMF talks, "the normal flow of dollars to the banking sector was adversely affected," financial columnist Fadi Fanek wrote in today's *Jordan Times*.

**Deficit**

He said financial institutions had hesitated to sell dollars at the current rate of 0.540 dinars per dollar (\$1.85 per dinar), believing the exchange rate might change and their dollars would buy more dinars.

But Fanek quoted "sources very close to

the IMF delegation" as saying the IMF officials "believe that \$40 fils to the dollar is not unreasonable."

He said the sources told him that the IMF was advocating a five-year staged reduction in Jordan's budget deficit, which he said now stands at about 22 per cent of gross domestic product.

Central Bank officials say Jordan owes about \$1.2 billion on its estimated \$6.5-billion debt this year.

Declining Arab aid and falling remittances from workers abroad have caused a foreign exchange crunch that forced the country last year to devalue the dinar, limit imports and cut government spending.

Despite easing speculation of

## Trade liberalisation attracts investors

Despite violence in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 2. (AP): Foreign investors are steadily pumping millions of dollars into Sri Lanka, despite the continuing Tamil insurgency and an escalating violent backlash by Sinhalese militants, officials say.

Foreign investors are lured, despite the violence, by the Indian Ocean island nation's trade liberalisation and its proximity to major land and sea routes.

### Violence

At least 103 projects, worth about \$932.3 million, were finalised last year, said Shalani Dantamaryana, a spokeswoman for the Greater Colombo Economic Commission.

The commission, one of the

### Pace of improvement slackening

## Better energy outlook seen in West, Japan

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 2. (AP): The dramatic improvement in the energy outlook for Western nations and Japan over the last decade is due in good part to conservation and energy-efficiency programmes.

However, the International Energy Agency (IEA) and other experts are worried that such efforts are slowing down.

"Improvements in energy efficiency are still continuing. Many of them are the result of investments made to conserve oil when prices were high. While the pace of improvement is slackening, we can expect continued progress in the right direction," IEA executive director Helga Steig says.

Some IEA examples comparing 1987 with 1978:

— New commercial buildings in the United States were 44 per cent more energy-efficient.

— Major non-communist industrialised nations used 20 per cent to 25 per cent less energy in making iron and steel, per ton of output.

— New Japanese refrigerators and freezers were 26 per cent more energy-efficient.

### Products

However, the growing size of consumer products sometimes offsets gains in energy efficiency. The Paris-based IEA says that is especially true with cars produced in West Germany and Japan.

Toshio Mamiya, an official of Japan's agency of Natural Resources and Energy, says his country reduced energy consumption by 2.7 per cent a year between 1973 and 1986.

He says that makes Japan a

world leader, compared with a 1.9 per cent decrease for the rest of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The 24-member OECD is made up primarily of Western European nations, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada.

Mamiya said his government has used tax incentives to encourage companies to develop and install energy-efficient office equipment, while using the media to increase awareness among the populace.

The United States greatly improved energy conservation from 1973 to 1984, but when oil prices dropped, conservation slowed or even leveled off, leading US energy expert Wilfrid L. Kohl said. He urged Americans to avoid becoming complacent about energy-efficiency efforts.

Umberto Colombo, president of Italy's National Board for Nuclear and Alternative Energies, says his country encourages energy conservation with programmes that offer subsidies both for home insulation and research projects designed to find more energy-efficient production methods.

Italy's Esso Oil Company says his country's energy needs for home heating and industry have fallen 0.5 per cent annually in the last 20 years, probably due to more efficient means of energy use.

France's decreased reliance on oil is largely due to a policy of energy efficiency. It ranges from emphasising new technologies and equipment to improving home insulation.

The British Department of

Energy says it set up an energy-efficiency office in 1983 to encourage savings in homes and industry. It said the office has helped save the nation more than £500 million (\$860 million) a year since the initiative started six years ago.

The 1973-74 Arab-led oil embargo taught industrialised countries the need to diversify energy sources. The latest lesson may be spurred by the "green house-effect."

Western industrialised nations and Japan have been using less oil in recent years than during the boycott, while other sources of energy have increased. Coal and natural gas use has risen sharply.

"It's important basically to keep diversifying first the energy mix that one consumers — and also ensuring that one is prepared to deal with a supply disruption if and when it were to occur," George Kowalski, an economic analyst at the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris, told the Associated Press.

"In the current context, oil is the most vulnerable source of supply."

The IEA says that in the late 1970s, the agency's 21 member countries depended on oil for one-half or more of all energy requirements. Now other fuels meet nearly three-fifths of IEA energy requirements.

One important energy source to watch is nuclear power.

"We would expect that at least for the next 10 to 20 years, despite the fact that the rate of increase in nuclear capacity may decelerate somewhat, it will still be one of the fastest growing sources of supply for the OECD," Kowalski said.



MEMAC senior executives attending intensive training workshops. Standing is Neville Derby, director of management and organisation development, Ogilvy and Mather, London, to his left is Rami Ikbil, general manager, MEMAC Kuwait.

## MEMAC conducts intensive training sessions

MIDDLE East Marketing and Communications (MEMAC) recently held intensive training sessions for its senior managers from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE at the Diplomat Hotel, Bahrain.

Utilising accelerated learning techniques, the course were designed to expand the capabilities of the delegates through the introduction of mental stimuli to develop problem solving abilities, presentation skills and personal management.

Operating the workshops was Neville Derby, director of management and organisation development at Ogilvy and Mather, London, which is part of the Ogilvy group, one of the top five advertising and com-

munications organisations in the world.

Edmond Moutan, president and managing director of MEMAC said: "The aim of these courses is to reinforce skills and techniques in order to achieve the highest standards of advertising in the Middle East and to compete equally at international levels."

Commenting on his training techniques, Derby said: "Our methods of training are designed to encourage maximum openness, willingness to change, maximum real learning and its application back at work."

He continued: "We are deliberately encouraging an atmos-

phere where it's okay for people to try out new ways of working. We ask them to tackle unusual tasks and suggest new ways of doing things. And we ask them to consider their gut feelings rather than their old concepts."

Derby added: "By limiting the number of executives at each workshop it is possible to bring out and develop individual talents which, in turn, increases their effectiveness and, ultimately, job satisfaction."

A further series of courses on various specific advertising skills has been planned for later in the year following the great success of this first round.

Japan's trade surplus widens

## KD market relatively firm

### Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was slightly easier against the dollar ending the week at 290.42 fils compared with its week before last closing of 288.79 fils.

The KD was firmer against the British pound, ending the week at 491.25 fils compared with its week before last closing of 488.74 fils.

### US dollar

Despite easing speculation of higher US interest rates, nevertheless the dollar continued to trade firm against major currencies. However, concerted intervention efforts by both the US Federal Reserve and the European central banks have been limited only to stop the dollar from breaking any further resistance levels, and not to reverse its trend.

The KD was slightly easier against the Swiss franc ending the week at 176.58 fils compared with its week before last closing of 178.73 fils, according to the Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was slightly easier against the Jordanian dinar, ending the week at 537.81 fils compared with its week before last closing of 536.78 fils. The KD remained unchanged against other GCC countries.

The KD money market was relatively firm over the week with one-month and three-month interbank rates trading relatively firmer compared to longer dates. This was mainly attributed to drain of liquidity.

One-month interbank rates traded over the week between 8-3/4 per cent and 9-3/4 per cent compared with 8-13/16 - 9-3/4 per cent the week before last.

Trade normally slackens during the European weekend, when many major offshore players are absent. Gulf banks are shut during the Muslim Friday weekend.

Tomorrow-next was unchanged at seven six and spot-next eased one point to eight seven. One week was quoted at nine.

The Central Bank kept its dinar to dollar exchange rate fixed from Saturday at 0.29050/60.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were steady in a typically dull Sunday market.

### World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices moved higher amidst slow trading which reflected major indecision about inflation and recession dangers and were underpinned by news that affected airlines. Strength in airline stocks following Marvin Davis \$30 per share bid for NWA pushed the transport index higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average opened the week at 2,758 and closed at 2,293, recording a gain of 50 points over the previous week's closing of 2,243.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange moved higher last week although prices dipped in an initial reaction to news the UK February current account deficit widened to £1.7 billion from £1.6 billion deficit in January before ending the week at the day's highs supported by a firmer tone on Wall Street.

The FTSE-100 opened the

week at 2,073 and closed at 2,074 recording a gain of 19 points over the previous week's closing of 2,055.

With market opinion settled on the idea that UK interest rates will stay at 13 per cent, unless a sudden change in the economic climate Wall Street could provide some direction to the London market.

### Deutsche mark

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Evidence is mounting that the US economy may be slowing, but even a slowdown could fail to produce a quick drop in interest rates.

The release of last week's data for the leading indicators of February showed a drop of 0.3 per cent. In addition to the previous data released over the past few weeks the data showed a drop in retail sales, durable goods, and capacity use.

Over the past two years, the G-7 nations have been successful in controlling the exchange rate ranges largely through central bank intervention and whether they will continue to use this approach remains to be seen in the near future.

Although we believe the G-7 is unlikely to let the dollar fall in order to help contain US inflation and prevent interest rates from rising steeply, at the same time the G-7 will not tolerate a stronger dollar, with most European ministers (including most recently the Japanese finance minister) have repeatedly presumed to be 1.7 to 1.9 marks.

"We do expect the mark to stay weak against the dollar, though we do not expect it to trade within the current trading range of 1.89-1.90 marks.

### Precious metals

Precious metals prices came under pressure last week from the dollar's recent overall firmness and were depressed by fundamental and technical factors.

Gold bullion prices opened the week at 387.50/388 \$/oz. and closed lower at 383.50/384 \$/oz. recording a loss of \$11.75 over the previous week's closing of 392.25/394.75 \$/oz.

Silver-bullion prices opened the week at 5.90/5.92 \$/oz. and closed lower at 5.79/5.81 \$/oz., recording a loss of 28 cents over the previous week's closing of 6.07/6.09 \$/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week at 528/529 \$/oz. and closed lower at 527/528 \$/oz., recording a loss of \$15 over the previous week's closing of 542/543 \$/oz.

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GULF BANK	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	20000	2
COMMERCIAL BK	0.260	0.255	0.255	0.255	280000	10
ANHLI BANK	0.205	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B.K.M.E	0.315	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.R.E.B.	0.325	0.325	0.325	0.325	16070	1
BURGAL BANK	0.265	0.260	0.260	0.260	10000	1
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Home of pizza battles to keep it pure

# Hands off Neapolitan pizzas

You may like your pizza with pickles, sausages, frankfurters, beans or carrots — but that is not the way to eat pizza, says the Naples Association of Real Pizzas who are lobbying for a law to protect the real thing.

By Andrew Gumble

NAPLES, Italy. (Reuters): What's a simple cook to do when the Queen of Italy bids him feed everyone at the palace?

Faced with that problem exactly 100 years ago, Raffaele Esposito of Naples came up with a now legendary recipe for pizza in the colours of the Italian flag.

His pizza Margherita — topped with red tomato, green basil and white mozzarella cheese and named after his patron — is the hallmark of Naples around the world and now the city is fighting to stop the classic recipe being distorted and abused.

Taking advantage of the anniversary, Naples' association for real pizza has teamed up with local politicians to lobby for a law protecting Esposito's method.

"We want a code defining the exact procedure for making Naples pizza, from the ingredients to the kind of oven used to bake it," said Gemaro Ambrosio, regional councilor in charge of the campaign which has attracted thousands of supporters.

"Neapolitan pizza is undergoing a series of adulterations which have nothing to do with tradition," he said.

Naples' plump, light dough which soaks up the flavour of tomato and olive oil as it cooks is quite unmistakeable from the thinner, crisp Rome version or the American deep-pan pie.

Ambrosio, whose pride in the city's cuisine dates back to his time as a restaurant errand boy just after the war, is clearly contemptuous of the creative whims of inexpert cooks.

"It gets served in completely the wrong way, with pickles, sausages, frankfurters, beans or carrots," he said, spitting the words out with indignation.

Ambrosio's disdain extends to fellow Italians copying the Naples recipe, especially in the North.

"They don't understand how to knead the dough. And then they put it in an electric oven and it loses its aroma," he complained.

"We've been eating pizza in Naples for more than a thousand years. There's a legend that they ate it in Pompeii before the eruption," he said. "Fast food has nothing to do with that culture."

Original

Esposito's original pizzeria is still here, on a narrow street near the waterfront brimming with fruit and fish stands, where his family still faithfully follows the old ways.

A slightly rotund, white-hatted chef carefully stretches dough over a long-handled iron spatula in front of a wood stove made of earthenware bricks covered in blue and yellow tiles.

In the corner, sheltered from the noisy comings and goings of



Vincenzo Pagnani of Naples shows off an anniversary version of Pizza Margherita, the classic pizza which his great-uncle created for the queen of Italy, whose portrait is in the background of the picture.

fruitsellers, wine merchants and a boy bringing coffee from a bar, sits the current owner of the restaurant, Esposito's 57-year-old great-nephew Vincenzo Pagnani.

Pagnani tells with great relish, and just a touch of dramatic licence, the story of how in 1879 Queen Margherita decided on a whim to provide the royal palace in Naples with pizza, then an exclusively working-class dish topped simply with oil, dry cheese or anchovies.

Esposito was chosen because King Umberto I had once noticed a large queue outside his pizzeria.

After the dish was brought to her on a donkey-drawn cart, the queen asked: "What is this pizza called, my good man?"

Esposito replied: "Majesty, if it pleases you, Margherita, like yourself."

Pagnani explains: "In the palace there were many foreign nobles, so he made pizza known to almost the whole world. It became known as the poor man's lunch and the rich man's whim."

So what is the trick behind a classic Naples pizza? Pagnani lowers his voice and leans over as though divulging a great secret.

Everything

He said the dough is everything. It is made with water, flour and yeast, and then some dough from the previous day is added to it, which makes it rise better. It is then left in a cool cellar for 12 hours.

Once rolled out and covered in toppings the pizza should be baked in a scorching wood oven for just two minutes.

Somewhat to the embarrassment of Ambrosio, Pagnani is one of the few Naples pizza-makers not interested in the campaign because, in characteristic southern Italian fashion, he does not like the idea of too many rules.

He explained: "To make a good pizza, all you need is the will, a certain flair and a little imagination."

Spades rebid guaranteed a six-card suit. When North raised to the spade game with his doubleton ace, South made the value jump to reach a slam that had little play because of the duplication in the minor suits — the same duplication that would have made six no trump laydown.

Against six spades West led the ace of hearts and continued with the suit. Declarer took his king and led a spade to the ace, fetching the jack from West. Applying the Rule of Restricted Choice, declarer next finessed and the slam went the way of all flesh in a hurry.

We have often warned about considering a suit combination in isolation. While the finesse might be the right play if you consider the spade suit alone, it was certainly wrong on this hand.

If West did indeed have a singleton honor, that would mean that East held four trumps. A finesse in itself would not be enough to pick up the trumps — declarer would need a trump coup as well. To accomplish that, he would have to reduce his trumps to the same length as East's. So he would need two entries to the dummy for ruffs, and one for the trump coup. There just weren't enough dummy entries, so declarer should have gone up with the king of spades in the hope of finding West with the Q-J bare.

The bidding: South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

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"Boo-oo-oo-ots."

## Atlantic crossing by bottle

By Rosemary Laurent

AMSTERDAM. (Reuters): Fons Oerlemans has crossed the Atlantic on a raft, in a steam-boiler and in a truck. This summer he plans to make the voyage in a giant green beer bottle.

The 50-year-old Belgian engineer has spent the last three years designing and building a 12-metre (36-foot) long bottle-shaped hydrofoil which has a cruising speed of 40 knots.

In June, Oerlemans will sail his steel bottle the 3,000 miles from New York to England in a bid to set two world records — the first Atlantic crossing and the longest distance ever travelled by a hydrofoil.

He is also hoping to make the fastest Atlantic crossing by completing the journey in 80 hours, beating the record set in 1986 by British millionaire entrepreneur Richard Branson. Branson's powerboat made the trip in 80 hours, 31 minutes.

"But the most important thing for me is not the speed but being unconventional," Oerlemans said after the official launch of his winged bottle in Amsterdam's eastern docklands.

Christened Spirit of Heineken after the Dutch brewer sponsoring the expedition, the 10-tonne vessel resembles the familiar green beer bottles sold world-wide, complete with a brand label and metal top.

Oerlemans originally planned to make his voyage three years ago but was delayed by financial problems.

After proudly watching his creation lowered into the water before a cheering crowd of fans and photographers he was confident nothing else could go wrong.

"We've already done tests across the harbour using a scale model and it works splendidly," a delighted Oerlemans said at the dockyard where he built his machine.



Revellers let their hair down during 'Swing Singapore', a street party organised by the government, which attracted 250,000 of Singapore's 2.6 million population. Until recently, such public displays were usually frowned upon.

## Singaporeans working very hard at having fun

By Reginald Chua

SINGAPORE. (Reuters): Singapore, once tagged one of the world's most boring countries, is trying hard to have fun.

Singing contests, arts festivals and disco dances are being promoted by a government determined to develop a "gracious, cultivated, and confident society."

Leaders of the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) have urged Singaporeans to find ways to make the country more fun. The party last January pledged increased support for cultural activities.

"We have got to find new ways of expressing ourselves and this is not only harmless, it may well do us good," said Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

Since the economist intelligence unit, a British-based research group, last year ranked the clean and efficient nation one of the most boring in the world, there has been much soul-searching about whether the dubious honour was merited.

Many feel that too much government organisation and control has stifled cultural development.

Films are routinely censored and plays touching on "unsuitable" topics such as homosexuality have been banned.

Spontaneous activities such as break-dancing are frowned upon and songs and books are screened for offensive themes.

Fearful that graduate women are not having enough babies, the government has even taken a

hand in romance, organising "love boat" cruises and matchmaking services to help the better-educated meet and marry.

"The authorities must be prepared to let loose and take some risks if they want fun in Singapore," said disc jockey Leslie Filay during a forum held earlier last year.

The Straits Times newspaper, reporting the proceedings, declared in a banner headline: "Let's have spontaneous fun — and here's how."

"It's all too organised for it to be any fun for me," local humourist Toh Faik Choo said of a carefully-planned display of community singing.

Vigorous campaigns aimed at altering people's behaviour are not new in Singapore.

Said first Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong: "The people themselves must want to develop their own potential. The government cannot decree it. But it can facilitate the development process."

### Acknowledged

The government has acknowledged it must turn the country into a more pleasant place in which to live to encourage talented Singaporeans from seeking greener pastures.

"While other governments are concerned with issues like national debt and illiteracy, our government is actually concerned with whether the people are enjoying themselves," said Tisa Ng, an official with the Ministry of Community Development.

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

## B.C.



## YOUR STARS

### Aries (March 20 - April 19)

The prospects are good only you must not allow your mind to wander. Make sure you drive cautiously and courteously. Do not eat too many sweet or sour things. Be magnanimous.

### Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

There will be some improvement in your personal situation. You will be able to put to good use a skill you have learnt recently. Make sure you get all the rest you need. Be fair.

### Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be able to make good progress with a venture that is important to you. Do not place too much reliance on gadgetry, it is still a matter of brainpower. You will be able to settle a difference of opinion. Be cautious.

### Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

If you want to pick up a bargain do not show yourself as too keen to acquire it. You will be able to make good progress with a venture close to your heart. Do not allow an old prejudice to distort your judgement. Be sincere.

### Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

No need to feel inferior to someone who is well known — you can stand up to him. A tendency to jump to conclusions should be combated. Think a little more kindly of someone who does not greatly like. Be reliable.

### Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should take an offer or proposal seriously but look out for hidden snags. Do not expect others always to be on your side. Avoid doing anything on the spur of the moment. Be adaptable.

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## Zone Therapy for better health

## Acupuncture without needles

**Zone Therapy**, involves massaging key parts of the face, hands and feet which relate to various body organs and glands. Sufferers from multiple sclerosis, cancer, arthritis and diabetes are among its patients. The origins of Zone Therapy go back to ancient China and it has been practiced in America since the beginning of this century.

By Marina Shammam

PRINCESS Diana and the Duchess of York's most trusted health and beauty guru is a ex-coal miner and one time opera singer with magic in his fingers.

Joseph Corvo, a 57-year-old Yorkshireman started out working in a local pit when he was just 14. But today he practices what he calls Zone Therapy on the rich and famous. Clients include singer Carly Simon, Dynasty star Gordon Thomson, romantic novelist Barbara Cartland and car tycoon's widow Kathy Ford.

Zone Therapy, slightly like acupuncture without needles, involves massaging key parts of the face, hands and feet which relate to various body organs and glands. For example, firmly rubbing both sides of the jaw is claimed to increase the sex drive as well as bringing a healthy glow to the face and skin.

The benefits of the zone programme are two-fold. It not only helps the user look and feel good, but also helps victims of serious complaints fight back.

Sufferers from multiple sclerosis, cancer, arthritis and diabetes are among Corvo's clients.

Gravel-voiced Joseph explains: "By massaging key pressure points on the face, you stimulate the organs and glands to work more efficiently. Our bodies reach their peak by the age of 25. From then on, the trend is downwards."

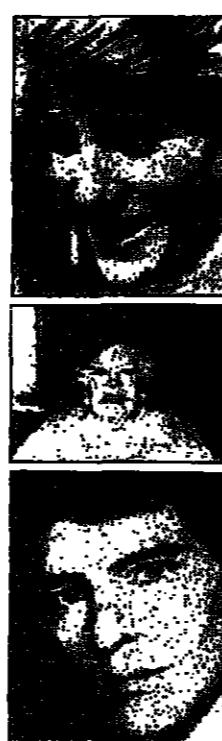
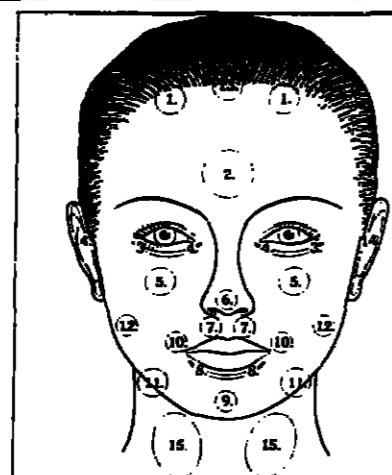
**Optimum**

"Zone Therapy bring the organs and glands to optimum working condition. So those who suffer from something as serious as perhaps cancer, will get the best possible chance of survival."

"I use Zone Therapy to make every organ and gland in the body perform effectively. This enables the patient to stand up to debilitating chemotherapy and radiotherapy with fewer side effects.

"If they undergo such treatment, in a low state, their chances are reduced. "I have treated lung cancer patients who went through drug and radiation treatments and were clear of the disease. But obviously they still have to have regular check-ups. Some of my clients have been women with cervical cancer. They have gone on to lead normal lives."

Joseph has successfully helped people with multiple sclerosis and diabetes. He told me: "A lady came to me after suffering from chronic diabetes for 30 years. After two years of Zone Therapy, her specialist



Joseph Corvo put finger pressure on both sides of the chin on a client (left) and some of his clients: Princess Diana (top) Barbara Cartland (centre) and Gordon Thomson, star of Dynasty.

has now told her that there is no sign of her condition. She was normal. He could not understand it.

Another woman, developing multiple sclerosis, could not move an arm. But

massaging 15 key pressure points on the face (see diagram) will have the following effect on various body functions.

1. Mental Stimulation: Improves your thinking power.
2. The pituitary gland: Stimulated, it steps up production of hormones needed to govern the reproductive system.
3. The colon: Stimulation keeps the colon in good working order to eliminate poisons from the digestive system.
4. Kidneys: Unhealthy kidneys allow toxins and acidity to build up in the blood.
5. Bowels: Sluggish bowels make the complexion pasty and dull.
6. Stomach: Indigestion is the least of a list of problems.
7. Spleen: A healthy spleen means a healthy stomach.
8. Insulin producer to burn off sugar.
9. Constipation: Correcting lazy intestines quickly brings it to the body and colour of the face.
10. Lungs: Breathing better provides the body with necessary oxygen and keeps away colds, bronchitis and asthma.
11. Sex life: Healthy sex glands mean balanced sexual response.
12. Liver and lymphatic system: Handles noxious substances and infection more efficiently.
13. Sympathetic nervous system: Co-ordinates bodily function by sending internal signals more effectively.
14. Ears: Just massaging them tones up the entire body.
15. Thyroid gland: Sluggishness, bad circulation, excess weight, menstrual problems, poor memory and sensitivity to cold can all be symptoms of poor thyroid function.

The origins of Zone Therapy go back to ancient China and it has been practiced in America since the beginning of this century. Doctor William Fitzgerald, an eminent surgeon, concluded that there were electromagnetic aspects to the connections between the brain, the nervous and glandular systems and all the organs of the body.

Corvo maintains that the body has its own electromagnetic field and like a car that isn't serviced, some parts can deteriorate. "If nerve endings become blocked and choked by toxins in the body, the power flowing through the body is limited," he says. If there is a major collapse in any area which is irreparable — then you die. You must have your glandular and nervous systems working properly."

"Nerves become inefficient not only from cigarettes and alcohol. We also constantly breath exhaust fumes in the atmosphere and eat foods which contain acids."

Steak and liver contain uric acid. Dairy products have lactic acid. These are toxins which the body has to eliminate.

"If someone has consumed these foods over a period of time, their body begins to function less efficiently. For example, the liver, which purifies the blood, cannot do its job properly. The effect of impure blood is sagging skin and an ageing appearance."

Joseph is the best possible advertisement for his own regime. He follows it religiously. His diet is rich in fruit, vegetables and fish. But he does not stick to it rigidly. He believes in moderation.

His advice is not to eat proteins such as meat, nuts and dairy products at the same time as carbohydrates, bread, potatoes and food containing sugar. Because the body is 82 per cent proteins it digests proteins more quickly, so the carbohydrates will be stored.

A devout Christian, Joseph declares there are six rules to a long, happy and healthy life; enthusiasm, moderation, serenity, optimism, an interest in people and in the future.

He says he has stuck to them himself since he left his native Yorkshire at the age of 16, where he had already spent two years in a coal mine to help the family income.

Joseph sang in miners clubs and his good voice won him a national singing competition. He went to Italy, studied and became a successful operatic tenor, earning his living in opera for some years.

But health always fascinated him and he discovered he had healing powers. Placing his hands on people's aching heads or backs seemed to make the pain disappear.

His growing interest in health and healing led Corvo to New York where he met German therapist Franz Heubach and studied Zone Therapy with him.

expected answer in case I had to reply."

Experts say most ME sufferers are women — possibly because they are often less willing or able than men to rest completely when they fall ill.

**More likely**

"I think the housewife's more likely to collapse because she's got to get the kids to school, she's got to get the meals ready...she's got a serious of 'got to's all day long which means she can't stop," said Professor James Mowbray of St Mary's Hospital, London.

Mowbray estimates the number of ME sufferers in Britain at around 100,000 and says some people can have the disease as long as 30 years, though most recover within 12 months.

There is no anti-viral drug for ME, and doctors can do little more than recommend complete rest. Many sufferers look for help outside the state-run National Health Service and try expensive alternative methods.

At Dawes' smart London clinic, patients are treated for allergies, given vitamin C infusions, and take drugs to destroy candida, a yeasty substance in the gut that may aggravate the bowel upsets common in ME sufferers.

Treatment costs between £300 (£5525) and £800 pounds (£51,400) a year in Britain, and Australian-born Dawes claims 80 to 90 per cent of patients get better within a year to 13 months.

Mainstream doctors criticise her unconventional methods but agree with her that stress aggravates ME and the number of sufferers is likely to rise.

"There's a lot of it about," said Dr David Smith, medical adviser to the ME association which provides information on the illness and offers a support network for victims.

"My arms would ache just



Yachtswoman Claire Francis a victim of ME has done a lot to bring the disease into the public eye.

on pushing," she said.

Doctors say ME is not fatal, nor is it contagious. Most patients get better eventually — but sometimes only after years of being bed-ridden or experimenting with alternative cures such as homeopathy and acupuncture.

"When you've tramped around for eight years, you're willing to try everything that has at least some basis in science...I got to the stage of thinking perhaps I'm making it up," said 47-year-old Megan Linwood, a Dawes patient who is slowly returning to full fitness after being ill for 12 years.

"My arms would ache just

brushing my hair or hanging up washing," she added. "The most lasting thing that drives me is the effect on the memory. Talking to you now, I feel I'm searching for words. I used to work out what to say on the telephone and work out the

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ANSWER: There are several good reasons for a doctor to take blood samples for testing, even when they seem to come too frequently.

In the initial stages of evaluation, when the diagnosis is still uncertain, several tests may be required before one shows any evidence of a disease. When results are normal, a test is classified as "negative." While a negative test may be good news, it doesn't help too much in establishing just what is wrong.

There are many diagnostic blood test available today, and it would be foolish to test for everything at once, so most physicians proceed in a manner that will provide the quickest answers at the least cost to the patient. They test first for the most probable cause, and then proceed to other

## Taking fat out of food

RESEARCHERS at the University of Missouri-Columbia are working on a method to remove fat and cholesterol from foods, focusing on a process currently being used to take caffeine out of coffee.

Food scientist Steve Mulvaney and research associate Roy Chao are refining the so-called "supercritical fluid extraction" method.

"Our preliminary results show the process is effective for removing fat and cholesterol from beef, and dairy products," said Mulvaney.

The process calls for heating carbon dioxide to about 160 degrees while putting it under 4,500 pounds of pressure to create a "powerful solvent," they said.

In one of their projects, Mulvaney and Chao are working with beef fat to improve the product for the fast food industry. Fat has a desirable flavour but contains saturated fat and cholesterol.

The £300,000 project, funded by the Cancer

Sleep walking, or somnambulism is not the enactment of dreams, but the confused and sometimes anxious thoughts of deep sleep which predominates in the first three hours. It is common in children.

## Awake...but in another world

By Jim Horne

EVEN in the deepest of non-dream sleep, our thought processes continue.

Our ruminations are often dull, sometimes funny, maybe sad. But occasionally they get out of hand, or to be more precise, get out of bed and sleepwalk. Sleepwalking, or somnambulism, is not the enactment of dreams, but the confused and sometimes anxious thoughts of deep sleep, which predominates in the first three hours.

Sleepwalking is common in children and seems to run in families. It peaks in adolescence, but declines in the late teens.

Episodes are usually triggered by anxiety. The worry can be trivial — the loss of a favourite toy, or just a frustrating day. Only when sleepwalking occurs almost every night is there likely to be more severe underlying distress, requiring specific treatment.

Sleepwalkers are unresponsive to their environment. They are preoccupied with their own thoughts and, the next day, have no memory of their nocturnal activities. Episodes can last for up to 30 minutes, but usually average five to 15 minutes.

Although sleepwalkers behave like automatons, with vacant eyes and a limited repertoire of behaviour, they don't walk about with their hands in front of them.

The child will typically sit up quietly, get out of bed, and move about in a confused and clumsy manner.

If behaviour is more complex, with the individual

seemingly alert and organised, and able to get out the lawnmower, connect it up, and mow the lawn, for instance, or drive off in a car, then this is likely to be a state of dissociation. The individual is actually awake but in another world.

It is difficult and unwise to wake a sleepwalker, par-

ticularly a child. It may cause distress or even hysteria. It is best simply to guide them gently back to bed. Sleepwalking is seldom anything to worry about. The most important thing is to reassure parents: The child can sense parental anxiety, and become more anxious, and so be more likely to sleepwalk.

Another phenomenon of deep sleep, sometimes associated with sleepwalking, is the more frightening night terror (distinct from a nightmare). A sudden, horrifying sensation and a fleeting mental image shocks the sleeper into immediate wakefulness. Night terrors are more common in children than in adults.

**Screams**

Usually, the child sits bolt upright and screams, staring wide-eyed at an imaginary being. The child is awake but confused, and may require an hour's consolation before settling down. But night terrors are rarely a matter for concern. One approach recommended by Dr Bryan Lask, at the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street in the UK, is to pre-empt night terrors.

Over a week or so, their occurrence is timed (often round two hours into sleep). For the next few nights, the child is gently awoken about 15 minutes beforehand, and kept awake for five minutes before being allowed to return to sleep.

Night terrors in adults are more serious. There is an overwhelming sensation of doom, disaster, or death, often the re-experience of some genuinely terrifying event, such as a car crash, drowning, or being bombed. Night terrors were common in shell-shocked troops during World War I.

## Genetic test for cervical cancer

A HIGHLY sensitive technique for diagnosing cervical cancer, which is likely to lead to more efficient screening for the disease, has been developed at Birmingham University in the UK.

The technique, based on the "genetic fingerprinting" principle, genetically amplifies the DNA of a virus, making it much easier to detect.

The new investigative method could lead to a vaccine against cervical cancer. The researchers hope that within five years it will help them to pinpoint the virus which causes it and the risk factors.

Once the technique is sufficiently developed, doctors hope it will be possible to detect early signs of cancer from cervical smear tests more accurately. But it is so sensitive that at present the most minor contamination by fragments of DNA is likely to produce a false positive.

The £350,000 project, funded by the Cancer

Research Campaign, is reported in the current British Medical Journal. Dicaran Woodman, its director said it will follow 2,000 volunteers aged 15 to 19 attending the Brook Clinic in Birmingham who have no history of abnormal smear tests.

By comparing normal smears with any abnormalities in later smears taken every six months, doctors hope to pinpoint the causes of a disease which kills 2,000 women a year.

In a study of about 40 women, the researchers found that the wart virus — thought to be linked to cervical cancer was present in seven out of 10. Previous small studies have also cast doubt on this link.

With the much larger sample the researchers can also seek links between cervical cancer and the herpes and glandular fever viruses. One theory is that common viruses that are present in large numbers of women may cause the cancer if combined with other risk factors, such as smoking.

## DOCTORS HAVE MANY REASONS FOR ORDERING BLOOD TESTS

QUESTION: I know that blood tests are important to help doctors make diagnoses.

But it's hard to understand why there are always new tests to take or old tests to repeat. Each test costs more than I make in an hour, and I need some answers about their value. Please explain.

ANSWER: There are several good reasons for a doctor to take blood samples for testing, even when they seem to come too frequently.

In the initial stages of evaluation, when the diagnosis is still uncertain, several tests may be required before one shows any evidence of a disease. When results are normal, a test is classified as "negative." While a negative test may be good news, it doesn't help too much in establishing just what is wrong.

There are many diagnostic blood test available today, and it would be foolish to test for everything at once, so most physicians proceed in a manner that will provide the quickest answers at the least cost to the patient. They test first for the most probable cause, and then proceed to other

lesser-known diseases than can provoke your symptoms and complaints.

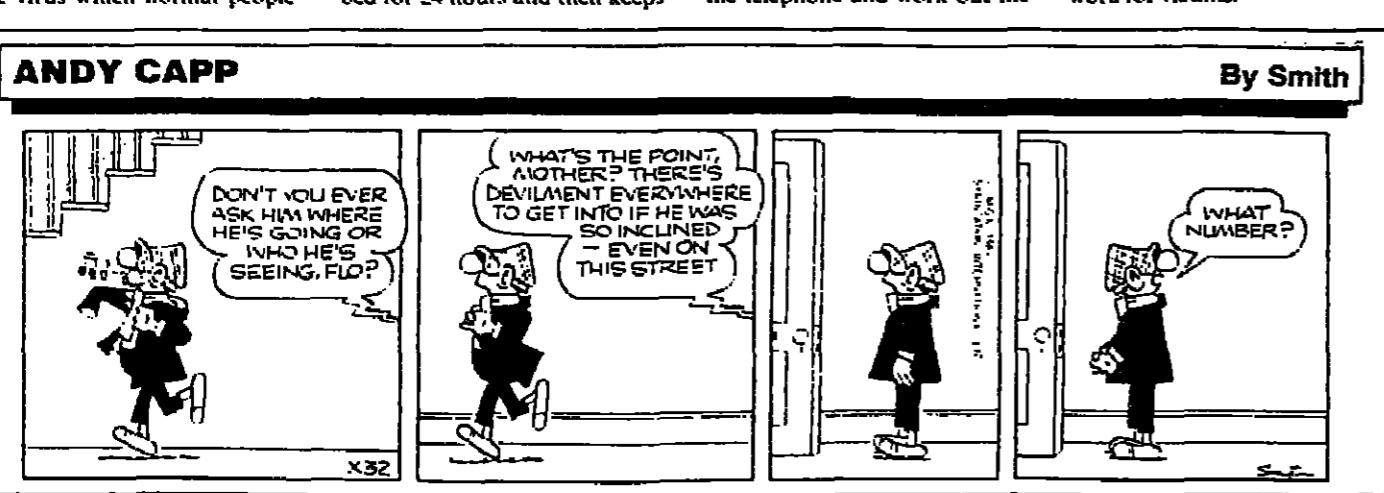
Once a diagnosis is made, treatment can be followed. The results of the treatment can be tracked by testing the blood regularly. This is particularly important in diseases such as diabetes, anaemia and kidney ailments.

I don't know the reason for each test in your case, but it's most important that you find out the purpose for these examinations from your physician. Become better informed about your condition, its causes and its treatment and satisfy yourself that the tests are truly needed. You may then learn that your money was well spent.

QUESTION: Can you explain what would cause a person to develop little yellowish bumps around their eyes? They don't seem to bother anything, but what can be done to prevent them from growing?

ANSWER: Physicians call these yellowish coloured lesions xanthelasma. They are usually raised slightly above the skin surface and can occur on either the upper or lower eyelid usually near the inner corner. They

## ANDY CAPP



By Smith

## INDIA IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## All values go up in smoke

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

A MILD mannered New Yorker moves to crime after personal tragedy in *Death Wish*, described by critics as a "gripping tale of one man's revenge." Charles Bronson played the lead. Indian actor Aditya Pancholi, a model-turned-actor, is not Charles Bronson, yet, he does a similar role brilliantly in *Kahan Hai Kanoon*, a blatant reshaped copy of *Death Wish* — without so much as acknowledging the source.

Director Deepak Balraaj Vij takes credit for the "story idea"

and Vinod Rattan writes the screenplay.

The Indian version is gripping too; and rightly rated "A" for violence by the Bombay censors. All your values go up in smoke with the sleaze and depravity that comes with it. And that hits you with savagery in each frame.

Forceful violence bursts into action, making you queasy because of the sharp focus on brutality. Perhaps, Vij intended to hurt your sense of right and wrong; and he succeeds in such a way that you want to switch off the video. But you don't. You see who's next on Vishal's killing agenda.

The other characters in the movie fit like a glove in the narrative, leading to a tragic end. Dharmatma (Sadashiv Amrapurkar), the underworld kingpin who claims he "smells the aroma of crime," faces an emotional conflict but lives up to his principles.

The police inspector, caught in a vicious bureaucratic web, "looks up" to his superiors before he touches a criminal. "They (superiors) tell me to leave him, you (complainant) ask me to catch them. I am tired of playing a game of hide and seek with the law," says the inspector, played superbly by Shakti Kapoor.

The girls — Kimi and Mandakini — are the cog in the wheel, without whom Vishal's vendetta wouldn't have begun.

## Farz ki Jung

While an eager beaver wants to wipe out crime, a seedy philanthropist trades defence secrets with foreign "enemy agents" in *Farz ki Jung*. Director R.P. Swami gives each character his or her own due, good or bad, to get things going. Some might like the sudden twists in the tale of good vs bad, and may even applaud the redeeming factor in the film. However, the Jung (fight) has gone on too long on celluloid to claim novelty.

The moment we see Amrish Puri performing "pooja" on his wedding anniversary and handing out thousands of rupees to

the degeneration of youth in urban India without glossing over the sleaze and depravity that comes with it. And that hits you with savagery in each frame.

9.00



Jeetendra

"orphans, widows and destitutes," we know he is up to something. And Puri is always on the wrong side of the law.

The law is projected in the form of Shashi Kapoor, Inspector Vikram whose stories precede him before a new posting. Puri acts swiftly to remove Vikram from the scene. That he succeeds is an unavoidable contrived feature of such movies.

Govinda can't ignore his obligations and Neelam, after a whirlwind romance unsuccessfully tries to wriggle out of it. As is customary in moves about vendettas, all is well that ends well, but certain twists in the tale coax you to watch the warring parties fight for their inalienable rights.

## Aasman se Ooncha

Nusrat Bhatti has written *Aasman se Ooncha* (Higher than the Sky). One has real difficulty deciding what is sky high: the writer's ambition or the infallible man's values. We spy a rebellion in the theme, a welcome revolt against the clichéd portrayal of women in Indian films. In this movie, the

woman (Anita Raj) is fallible and as such, she can claim human frailties though not without a tinge of guilt. It is this one point that redeems this movie from the otherwise beaten formula track.

At first glance, "Aasman ..." appears to be a gang war movie, set on the model of the 1960s Mafia thrillers. Jeetendra and Sadashiv Amrapurkar play the two gang bosses pitched in a battle of wits to gain a point. They dress and act like Hollywood gangsters for most part of the movie. Therefore, the unexpected switch to a social subplot comes as a big surprise. By that time, you are so wrapped up in the vendetta that you can easily miss the point. Raj Babbar's presence is meant to be a reminder. Just as suddenly, it becomes a patriotic movie, flying the colours for all the policemen who lay down their lives in the name of the law.

The above movies are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, and Falcon Video, Abbasia.



Above: two performers during rehearsals

## A play for Keralites

A MALAYALAM drama entitled *Karutha Pournami* will be performed by Gayathri Arts on Friday, April 7, at the Indian Arts Circle in Farwaniya.

The play, written by Chandra Mohan, tells the story of a criminal lawyer and his close encounter with the law. The play asks lots of questions to unravel the mystery. The artists starring in the drama are Gopi, Nandan, Rajan, Ram, Appukuttan, Aravi, Nandanunni, Nirmala, Mariamma Issac, Ajita R. Nair and Sindhu Appukuttan. It has been directed by Nandan Irinjalakuda.

The group will provide transport from Abbasia (opposite Arabic School) and Farwaniya (Holiday Inn Hotel) for people who wish to attend. For details phone 5643126.

Messilah Beach Hotel's third raft race. For details call the hotel, ext. 751.

L & M Open Team bowling tournament

APRIL 6: 6.30 to 9.30 pm and thereafter every Wednesday and Thursday the open-team bowling tournament will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel; organised by KAPILKU.

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## SOCIAL

## KAPILKU Night

APRIL 7: 6.30 pm. Holiday Inn Hotel. Sing-alike contest and Bagong Kampeon for Filipinos. Call Sarah — 4845447; or Rod Corezo — 4243395.

## St Georges Day

APRIL 20: KLT celebrate St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadia. Entertainment and refreshments. To join them, call 3983724; 3985964.

## HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

AL DALLAH Coffee Shop: Breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch.

Marco Polo Restaurant:

Italian food, live music by the Duonova band.

Lolouwah Corner: Open

from 4 to 10 pm, offering snacks and refreshments.

## SPORTS

## Raft Race

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Above: The wives of diplomats from 20 embassies are taking part in a bazaar organised by Nadi Al

Fatat (Women's Club). Handicrafts from several Asian and Arab countries are on show. Above:

Mrs K.M. Shehabuddin (third left), wife of the ambassador of Bangladesh, and Mrs Morsin Ali

(right) seen at the Bangladesh stall with members of the club. The charity bazaar is open today

from 9 am to 12 noon and 4-8 pm.

Jackie and Bruce

to the rescue

9.00

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Cartoon Serial

10.00 Al Mubarak: Arabic serial; featuring Mahmoud, Saud, Ahmad, Mazhar, Safiya Al Omari, Ahmad Maher

11.00 Bain Narein: Arabic serial, starring: Abdul Rahman Al Aqel, Abdul Aziz Al Nimish, Tayeba Faraj, Jassim Naban

12.00 Min Turaath Al Khaleej

1.00 News Summary

1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran

4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Hikayat Alamiya: cartoon serial

5.15 Mama Anisa and Children

6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: daily religious serial

6.30 Songs and Music

7.00 News Summary

7.30 Cultural Film

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial, featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Nabil Nur Al Din, Ahsan Qalawi, Ahmad Khamis, Zizi Mustafa

10.50 Fan wa Fikr: Art and Philosophy

11.50 News Summary

11.55 World News via Satellite



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10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "The Survival of the Fittest." Thriller.

10.30 French feature film: "Le veuve Couderc." Starring: Alain Delon, Pierre Collet, Raymond Banon

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Close-down.

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## BBC World Services

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30 In Praise of God

0100 News Summary followed by Time Will Tell

45 Chopin Collection

0200 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music

1000 News Summary followed by Leaders and Leadership

30 The Vintage Chart Show

1000 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Tech Talk

30 The Ken Bruce Show

1200 Newsdesk

15 My Music

45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Russia: The Drive to Empire

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

45 The Girl in His Past (ex 3rd The Picture of Dorian Gray)

1500 Newsdesk

30 3rd and the 10th Time Will Tell: 17th Who was Hitler? 24th Opera of the Week)

1600 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Dangerous in Love

30 Tech Talk

45 The World Today

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## Ngugi wins Italian cross country race

VIGEVANO, Italy, April 2. (AP): World cross country champion John Ngugi of Kenya won the eight-kilometre "Golden Shoe" race yesterday, setting a course record 23 minutes and 18 seconds on the cobbled streets of this city near Milan.

Ngugi, who had won his fourth world title in Stavanger, Norway, two weeks ago, took the lead after the first of a seven-lap city course and gradually increased his advantage.

Ngugi finished ahead of Brazilian Artur Castro and Italian Gennaro di Napoli, who placed second and third respectively. Another Brazilian, Diamantino Silveira, was fourth.

**Faster**

The 27-year-old Kenyan, an Olympic champion in the 5,000-metre race last year, was 24 seconds faster than the original race record set by Italy's Alberto Cova in 1986.

Castro was seven behind the winner. Di Napoli and Diamantino lagged 31 and 33 seconds respectively behind Ngugi.

It was the second consecutive Italian victory for the Kenyan ace following the five miles cross country race in San Vittore Olona last Saturday.

Diamantino, a marathon specialist, said he has no chances over a short distance.

"It was a good warmup for the next engagements," Diamantino said.

The Brazilian runner will compete in the Stramilano on April 8 and in the world marathon cup on April 16. Both races are scheduled in Milan.

## Bordin plans to give up running

ROME, April 2, (Reuters): Italy's Olympic marathon gold medalist Gelindo Bordin said yesterday he was planning to give up competitive running to devote more time to promoting sport.

Bordin, who celebrates his 30th birthday today, said in a television interview that he made a promise to himself to campaign in favour of sport if he won the marathon at last summer's Seoul Olympics.

"I did so and now I am trying to keep my promise to myself. But I can see that I can't reconcile this activity with competitive sport and therefore I really think I will abandon races," he said.

Bordin did not say when he intended to retire.

## New York Rangers fire coach

NEW YORK, April 2, (Reuters): New York Rangers general manager Phil Esposito fired coach Michael Bergeron yesterday and took over coaching duties himself just four days before the National Hockey League (NHL) playoffs begin.

The shock move to dismiss the fiery French-Canadian coach came as the Rangers were mired in a late-season slump — having lost 10 of their last 13 games after leading the NHL's Patrick Division for most of the 80-game season.

No official reason was given for Bergeron's firing, but the two men have had an often stormy relationship.

**Deal**

Bergeron, 42, joined the Rangers two years ago from the Quebec Nordiques, in a unique deal in which Esposito gave the Nordiques New York's 1988 first-round draft pick. Bergeron was the Rangers' seventh coach this decade.

His coaching record last year was 36-34-10 while this season the Rangers were 37-33-8 with two games remaining in the regular season. They will likely face the Pittsburgh Penguins in the first round of the NHL playoffs.

## Harvard wins NCAA crown

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 2. (Reuters): Eddie Krayer scored a sudden-death overtime goal to give Harvard the US Collegiate Ice Hockey Championship with a 4-3 victory over the University of Minnesota last night.

The crimson forward put the puck past Minnesota goaltender Robb Stauber four minutes and 15 seconds into the first overtime period to give the prestigious Ivy League University the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title and its first-ever national championship in any sport.

Minnesota's Golden Gophers had taken a 1-0 lead in the first period. Harvard scored twice in the second before the home town team levelled the game on a power play goal.

Both teams scored late in the third period to push the game into extra time.



Sabatini beats Evert

## Muster undergoes surgery

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, April 2. (Reuters): Austrian tennis player Thomas Muster underwent surgery on his left knee yesterday, following a freak car accident that forced him out of today's tournament final and could keep him out of tennis for six to nine months, his surgeon said.

Muster, 21, who had defeated Frenchman Yannick Noah in the semifinals of the Lipton International Player's Championships on Friday, was going to a Miami restaurant for dinner when the accident occurred.

The Austrian was removing his tennis kit from the boot of a tournament car when another car hit his head-on. Muster was pushed under the tournament car and almost pinned beneath the wheels.

Miami city police declined to comment on the case and refused to say if the driver of the other car, who was in hospital with injuries, would be charged in the accident.

Dr Charles Virgin, former doctor to the Miami Dolphins football team, who performed yesterday's surgery on Muster, said the injury to his left knee

involved the tearing of his medial collateral ligament and the interior cruciate ligament.

"The procedure was not a reparative one," said Virgin, "but one to confirm the extent of the injury. He has extensive road rash (grazing) and those were areas where incisions would have to be made for repair."

"Because of the potential of infection it is better to delay the repair procedure till the skin has healed," the doctor said.

**Return**

Muster was in a cast, but resting comfortably. He will be walking on crutches for a few days and will return to Austria for reconstructive surgery possibly in a week.

Virgin said this was a "fairly severe" injury for a tennis player because of the pivot stop-start nature of the sport. However, Virgin felt that because Muster was such a young, fit, athlete, he expected him to make a recovery and return to play.

"My best guess is that he will return in six to nine months," said Virgin. "Thomas' return is not a slim chance, I guess my best word is that it is a reasonable one that he will be back with full

recovery."

Meanwhile, Ivan Lendl, who would have played Muster in today's final here, was to play Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek in a three-set charity exhibition match instead.

Earlier, in Vienna, Austrian number two Horst Skoff said the injury to Muster had destroyed any chance of their country progressing in the Davis Cup.

Austria, who trounced Australia 5-0 in the world group first round, will meet Sweden in the second round in Vienna from April 7 to 9.

"First the odds were 60-40 for us. Now they are 90-10 against us," Skoff told Austrian newsmen.

He, Alexander Antonitsch and Stefan Lochbihler are to play in the match. Coach Jan Kukal told newsmen that either Thomas Buchmayr or Oliver Fuchs, both inexperienced, would be brought in to replace Muster.

"We simply have not got a fourth full-fledged man for the Davis Cup. And that is why Austria, despite its successes, is still not a real tennis power," Kukal said.

## Michigan to face Seton Hall in NCAA final

SEATTLE, April 2. (Reuters): Sean Higgins turned an offensive rebound into a winning basket with one second left in the game to lift Michigan to a 83-81 victory over Illinois in the semifinals of the US Collegiate Basketball Championship tournament yesterday.

The Michigan Wolverines will face the Seton Hall Pirates in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship game tomorrow night. Both schools will be going for their first national title.

In the previous semifinal, Seton Hall erased an 18-point deficit to defeat the Duke Blue Devils 95-78. The Pirates were paced by the long-distance shooting of Australian Olympian Andrew Gaze, who had 20 points — 16 in the second half.

Illinois, appearing in the final four for the first time since 1952, had beaten Michigan twice during the regular season. But Michigan, which led 39-38 at halftime, won the tight see-saw battle in which the lead changed hands 31 times by controlling the offensive rebounding.

A basket by Kenny Battle emanated

## Portland move ahead

NEW YORK, April 2. (AP): Clyde Drexler's three-point play with 1:13 left in overtime put Portland ahead for good and the Trail Blazers held on to defeat the Charlotte Hornets 125-121 in National Basketball Association action last night.

Drexler's two free throws with six seconds remaining made the score 122-119 and sealed the victory for the Blazers, who broke a six-game losing streak and moved one game ahead of idle Dallas in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the NBA's Western Conference.

**Setback**

Drexler scored 36 points. Kevin Duckworth added 30 and Jerome Kersey 21 for Portland. Charlotte suffered its fifth consecutive setback despite Kelly Tripucka's 38 and 23 by Robert Reid, whose 3-point shot with 20 seconds remaining in regulation sent the game into overtime and completed the Hornets' comeback from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit.

Alex English, who earlier in the game became the seventh leading scorer in NBA history, scored six of Denver's first seven points in overtime and sparked the Nuggets to a 114-108 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

**Lead**

Duke took an early 28-6 lead and a thigh injury to starting forward Robert Brickett, could not keep up with the Pirates in the second half as Seton Hall controlled the game from both ends of the court.

**Draw**

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**Draw**

Four matches were drawn. They were Yasser Seirawan, United States, and Miguel Illescas, Spain, Viktor Korchnoi, Switzerland, and Boris Spassky, France, Robert Hubner, West Germany, and Jesus Noguera, Germany.

Other results were:

## World champion Kasparov beaten

BARCELONA, Spain, April 2. (AP): Reigning world champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union was beaten by his countryman Artur Yusupov in the third round of the three-week world chess cup played here yesterday.

Johan Kjartarson of Iceland, who drew with Predrag Nikolic of Yugoslavia, shared the top place of the standings with Yusupov with 2.5 points each.

Other results were:

Nigel Short, England, defeated Rafael Vaganian, Soviet Union, and Alexander Beliavsky, Soviet Union also defeated Jonathan Speelman, England.

Zoltan Ribli of Hungary did not play in this round.

Hjartarson and Yusupov shared top place with 2.5 points each, followed by Hubner and Seirawan two each, Beliavsky, Korchnoi, Ljubojevic, Short and Spassky 1.5 each, Ribli, Illescas and Vaganian one each, Kasparov, Noguera, Salov, Nikolic 0.5 each, and Speelman nil.



World chess champion Garry Kasparov (right) and Artur Yusupov during the third round of the World Chess Cup in Barcelona. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Lendl declared champion

## Sabatini beats Evert to retain ranking

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., April 2. (Reuters): Top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina chalked up her 10th singles title and retained her world number three ranking in the process yesterday.

The 18-year-old Argentine won the \$2.1 million International Player's Championship title with a 6-2 4-6 6-2 victory over second-seeded Chris Evert.

Evert, who surrendered her number three ranking to Sabatini five weeks ago, could have regained it with a victory yesterday. Instead she remained fourth in the world and collected \$60,000 for runner-up.

Sabatini earned \$100,000 for her first victory in an event with a

128-player draw.

Earlier men's top seed Ivan Lendl was declared singles champion by default. His final round opponent, Thomas Muster of Austria, was injured in an automobile accident following a five set victory over Yannick Noah on Friday night.

Doctors said Muster, who was to play in the Davis Cup against Sweden next weekend, could be out of action for six to nine months.

**Dominated**

Sabatini easily dominated an error-prone Evert in the first set as she broke the American three times while dropping serve once. Evert struggled with blustery

winds that better suited Sabatini's heavy topspin and stronger serve.

The Argentine kept the ball deep as she moved Evert around with heavy topspin and cross-court angles. The tactic appeared to work as Evert often hit long or netted forehands.

The 34-year-old Evert, who has not missed a final in the five-year history of this tournament, battled back to take the second set on a pair of service breaks.

Evert levelled the match on a dramatic forehand passing shot hit on the run, which brought a capacity crowd of 10,500 to its feet in appreciation.

Evert was unable to maintain

the momentum, however, and came out flat in the third set. She lost her serve in the opening game and fell behind 0-3 on a second break.

"I think the important game was the first of the third set. Since I won that game, everything was more easy," Sabatini said.

Sabatini played a careless fourth game and lost her serve, but broke Evert again three games later to lead 5-2. She closed out the match on a first match point.

"In the second set I went for my shot more," said Evert. "In the third set she used the wind a little bit better and that topspin is more effective in the wind."

## NZ urges San Diego not to appeal

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, April 2. (Reuters): New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club, which last week won a courtroom battle for the America's Cup, urged rivals San Diego today not to appeal against the judgement.

The US America's Cup Organising Committee earlier had said it would ask the San Diego Yacht Club to appeal against a New York supreme court ruling stripping the Californians of sailing's most prestigious trophy and awarding it to Mercury Bay.

"The world at large, including the majority of America, agrees with the court's decision," said Mercury Bay commodore Toby Morcom. "San Diego Yacht Club should now abide by the ruling of the referee and, in doing so, earn the respect of everyone."

The ruling came after a bitter battle that followed San Diego's decision to field a nimble catamaran last September to beat off a challenge for the cup from Mercury Bay's huge single-hulled sloop.

Judge Carmen Ciparick last week described the race series, which San Diego won easily on the water, as a gross mismatch. San Diego has yet to announce whether it will appeal.

Morcom made his call in an open message to his San Diego counterpart, Pat Goddard.

"Speaking yacht club to yacht club, commodore to commodore, I urge Goddard and his club to decide that enough is enough," he said.

But organising committee president Malin Burnham said yesterday an appeal was in the best interests of the America's Cup. "We strongly believe no court of law anywhere in the world should have the power to reverse sporting events," he said in San Diego.

**Challenge**

The rival clubs fought not only the cup but also the right to stage the next challenge for the trophy in 1991. Mercury Bay plans to defend the cup off Auckland in an event that will pump huge amounts of money into the local economy — money San Diego will lose unless it overturns the ruling.

Morcom said it was vested interest groups in San Diego that were in favour of an appeal, not the yachtsmen. Last week, San Diego skipper Dennis Conner said he did not favour an appeal.

Michael Fay, Mercury Bay's millionaire backer, estimates that the host city of the next challenge will reap billions of dollars as the big-spending yachting set descends.

## Wada wins Fuji race

GOTEMBA, Japan, April 2. (AP): Starting from the pole position, Takaaki Wada today drove his Lola MF308 to victory in the Fuji speed race, the first leg of the six-series Fuji Grand Championship series.

Wada sped 40 laps around the 4.470 kms (2.77-mile) Fuji speedway at the foot of the Mount Fuji in 55 minutes, 27.861 seconds, at an average speed of 193.422 kph (119.822-miles) an hour.

Wada won five million yen (\$35,500).

Kazuyoshi Hoshino, in an 89GE Mugen, came in second in 55.39.814.

Britain's Geoff Lees, in a Kawai 89GC Mug

Top of the League heats up

## Own goal costs Arsenal key points

MANCHESTER, April 2. (AP): Tony Adams flicked the ball into his own net to give Manchester United a 1-1 draw with Arsenal today and cost the English soccer League leaders a much-needed victory.

Adams had put the Gunners from north London ahead 1-0 with a diving header in the 77th minute of the nationally televised match.

But eight minutes later, the Arsenal captain deflected a shot from the left side over the head of goalie John Lukic to enable United to draw and deprive the visitors of extra room at the top of Division One.

"We went in front and then I messed it up again," Adams said.

Points The draw left Arsenal with 60 points after 31 games, three

points more than Liverpool, which moved into second place yesterday with a 1-0 victory over Norwich. Liverpool, the defending League champion which has played 30 games, has now made up 17 points on Arsenal in the last six weeks and hosts the Gunners April 23, when a victory could move them into first place.

A victory by Arsenal today would have kept it far enough ahead of Liverpool so that a single victory by the second-place team could not have changed the standings. English League teams get three points for a victory, one point for a draw.

"We are pleased with the point but obviously we would have liked the win," Adams said.

Today's game was played before 37,000 fans in a steady rain that turned the turf at Old

Trafford into a quagmire. Any ball kicked into the midfield circle died in the mud, making it difficult for players to pass and run.

### Majority

Both teams had chances in the first 75 minutes, with the majority going to Arsenal, but no one scored until Adams dived low to head in a cross from his left side in the 77th minute.

It looked as if the goal would be enough, but Adams was to be heard from again, this time at his own end.

A United cross bounced off an Arsenal player's foot and looped toward the Gunners' goalmouth. Lukic appeared to be in a position to stop the ball, but at the last minute Adams, retreating on defense, stuck out his foot and chipped the ball over the goalie's

head.

Lukic hustled back but a last-second dive by the Arsenal goalie failed to prevent the tying score at 85 minutes.

### Standings

Tabular — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points.

Team	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Arsenal	31	17	9	5	59	32	60
Liverpool	30	16	9	5	48	22	57
Norwich	30	16	8	6	43	31	56
Millwall	31	14	8	9	43	34	48
Notts Forest	30	12	6	8	44	34	47
Tottenham	33	12	10	10	51	45	47
Coventry	32	12	10	10	59	32	46
Wimbledon	29	13	10	7	42	35	46
Derby	30	13	8	9	32	28	45
Man United	29	11	7	11	38	24	44
Everton	30	10	11	9	40	36	41
Q.P.R.	31	9	10	12	31	37	37
Sheffield Wed.	31	9	9	13	29	40	36
Aston Villa	32	8	10	14	37	47	44
Celtic	31	8	10	13	35	32	43
Midtjylland	31	8	9	14	30	50	33
Southampton	30	7	11	12	42	56	32
Luton	32	7	9	16	31	47	30
Newcastle	31	7	8	16	29	51	29
West Ham	28	5	7	16	22	47	22

Dubai Champions Cup soccer tournament

## Liverpool and Celtic to clash in Gulf

Despite Saturday's setback against Rangers, Celtic have not given up hope of clinching a double triumph in Scotland this season, having already reached the Scottish FA Cup semifinals.

### Clark sets meet record

NEW YORK, April 2. (AP): Ray Clark set a meet record today in winning a 100-mile (160-kilometre) run at Flushing Meadow Park.

Clark finished in 12 hours, 12 minutes and 19 seconds, easily beating the mark of 12:56:34 set by Stu Mittelman in 1982.

Forty-one men and nine women competed in the run, organized by the Metropolitan Athletics Congress.

DUBAI: Liverpool's Dubai Champions Cup clash with Celtic on Tuesday night has become the talk of the footballing world as Britain's two premier clubs prepare to clash in the Gulf for the second time.

For Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish, the past week has been one of the most frantic in his illustrious career at Anfield as he faced up to heavily publicized fixture crisis that threatened to wreck his club's League and FA Cup hopes.

Following Saturday's 1-0 away victory over Norwich took them to within two points of English First Division leaders Arsenal. Liverpool headed for Gatwick Airport, and the Emirates flight carrying both the English and Scottish champions

to Dubai last night.

After their encounter with Celtic on Tuesday night has become the talk of the footballing world as Britain's two premier clubs prepare to clash in the Gulf for the second time.

They then meet Millwall on April 11 in a rearranged League game before facing Nottingham Forest in their FA Cup semifinal on April 15. And Liverpool are still not safe from the threat of having to play a potential championship decider against Arsenal on April 12.

Liverpool have reacted angrily to the football League's suggestion of that date, following a request from English manager Bobby Robson for the match to be brought forward from its original Saturday spot on April

22.

Facing a World Cup qualifying tie against Albania on April 25, Robson is anxious for the Liverpool and Arsenal players in his squad to have a longer rest before a game that could put England in a dominant position in their qualifying group.

However, while Dubai has held on to its prime position in the fixture chaos back in England, Robson now seems unlikely to get his wish for international breathing space.

### Revenge

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